ANNO TERTIO
ET QVARTO EDOVARDI
SEXTI.

ACTES

made in the Session of this present parliament, holden vpon prorogacion at Westminster the.iiii. date of Nouember, in the third yere of the reigne of oure moste drad souereigne Lord, Edward the. VI. by the grace of God kyng of England, Fraunce, and Irelande, defendor of the faith, and of the churche of Englande and also of Ireland, in yearth the supreme hed: and there continued and kept to the first date of Februarij, in the.iiii. yere of ỹ reigne of oure saied souereigne lorde, as folo-weth.

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¶ The fyrst chapiter.

Where in the Parliament holden at Westminster in the .xxxvij. yere of the reigne of the moost Excellente Prince of famous memorye kynge Henry the eyghte, it was enacted that no persone or persones, should from the makyng of the sayd acte be nominated and appointed to thee office or offices of the Custos Rotulorum, within any Shyre of this Realme of Englande. Wales, or other thee kynges Dompyons, Marches, or Territories of the same, but suche as should haue a bill signed with the kynges hand for the same, which bill signed, should be a sufficient warraunt by auctoritie of the said Acte, to the Lorde Chauncelour of Englande, & Lord keper of the greate Seale for the tyme beyng, to make from tyme to tyme, commission or commissions, assigning and authorisyng there by thesame person to bee Custos Rotulorum, until ther kynge had by another bill assigned with his owne hande appointed and ordeigned an other person to haue, occupie, and exercise, thesame office of Custos Rotulorum, and that thesaid person appointed and assigned to be Custos Rotulorum as is aboue sayde, should and might occupie, exercise, and enioy the said office of Custos Rotulorum, by himself, or by his sufficient deputie learned in the lawes of this Realme, and mete and able to supply the saide office, accordyng to the tenour of the sayd graunt or commission, as by the same acte among other thinges more at large it doth and may appere. Sence the makyng of which statute, diuers & many persons being in thesaid offices of Custos Rotulorum, in diuerse shires of ỹ realme, haue departed this present lyfe and died, so that there hath not come to thee handes of thee Chauncellour of England or Lorde keper of the greate Seale, any bill or billes assigned with the kinges maiesties hande for the stampyng, appointing or assignyng of any new Custos Rotulorum, in the same Shires, the said offices haue remained voyde for a long tyme, to the great lesyng of Justice And also for that it shall be very tedious, and muche to the molesting of the Kynges maiesty, vpon euery auoidaunce of suche Custos Rotulorum, by death, or other wise, to moue hys Maiesty, for the signing of Billes for other persons to be elected, named, chosen and appointed to supply the

saide offices of *Custos rotulorum*, beyng voide. And for that the nomination and appoinctyng of thesaide office of *Custos rotulorum*, long time before the making of thesaide Statute, last before reherſed, dyd apperteigne and belong to the office of the Chauncellour of Englande, or Lorde keper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng: Be it therefore enacted by the kyng our ſouereigne Lorde, with the aſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of theſame, that the Chauncellour of Englande or Lord keper of the great Seale, for the tyme being, ſhall at all time and times hereafter, and from time to time, without any bil or billes, to be aſſigned wyth the kynges hãde, name, elect, aſſeigne and appoinct ſuch perſon and perſons, to be *Custos rotulorum*, within euery Shire of this realme of England, Wales and other the kynges dominions, Marches, and territories of theſame, or by any of thẽ, as by the diſcretion of theſaide Lord Chauncellour, or lorde keper of the greate ſeale, for the time beyng ſhalbe thought hable and mete to haue and exercile theſame. And that theſaid perſon & perſons, ſo to be appoyncted, elected, named, and aſſigned, by theſaid lord Chauncellour or lord keper of the great Seale, for the time being, ſhall and maie occupie, exercile and enioye, theſame office of *Custos rotulorum*, by hym ſelfe, or by his ſufficiẽt deputie or deputies, in as ample and large maner & forme, as if theſaid acte had neuer bene had ne made, this before reherſed acte or any thing therin conteigned, to the contrarie hereof in any wyſe notwithſtãding.

Prouyded alwaye, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that all ſuche as now haue any of theſayde offices of *Custos rotulorum*, by the kynges letters Patentes or commiſſion, to them or any of theim made, ſhal and maie enioye, haue and exercile their ſaide offices, by vertue of theſame letters Patentes or commiſſion by hym ſelf, or his ſufficient & hable deputie inſtructed in the lawes of this realme, any thing in this preſent acte had or made, to the contrarie notwithſtandyng.

Prouyded alſo that it be enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that the Archebiſhop of Yorke, the byſſhop of Durhã, the Byſſhop of Ely, and euery of their ſucceſſours, the Chaucellour of the Duchie of Lancaſter for the time being, and all and euery perſon and perſons, corporacions and bodies corporated, to whome the kynges maieſtie or any of his noble progenitours by hys or theyr letters Patentes, or acte of Parliament, haue geuen and graunted any libertie and aucthoritie, or otherwiſe haue aucthoritie by other lawfull meanes or wayes, to ordeine, make and cõſtitue, any of theſaid officers of *Custos rotulorum*, within any countie palentine, or other place, ſhal & may haue & enioye theſame libertie & aucthoritie, according as thei haue had and enioyed theſame, any thing in this preſẽt act, had or made, to the cõtrary not wſtanding.

¶ The ſecond Chapiter.

An Acte for the true makyng of wollen clothes.

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For asmuche as by the sleight and sottell makyng of Clothes and Colours, within diuers partes of thys Realme, now of late practised & vsed, not onely great infamies & slaunders hath growē to thesame realme, but also the Kynges maiesties faithful and true subiectes haue susteined great losse in the vse & werying of thesame clothes, so sleightly & sottelly made: for remedy and reformation whereof, Be it ordeined & enacted by the Kynges moste excellent maiestie, wyth the assent of the Lordes spirituall & temporall, & the cōmons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that euery Clothier and clothemaker, shall from the feast of the Annunciation of our Lady next comming, set hys Seale of leade to his cloth, declaryng thereby, the iust lengthes thereof to be tried by the water. And that no person shall from thesayd feast, straine or stretche any set clothes or any other clothe, aboue, one yeard & an halfe in length, & a quarter of a yeard in breadeth, vpō paine to forfeite. xl. s. for euery defaulte. And that no person nor persōes, shal from thesaid feast, vpō paine last before remēbred, put to sale any cloth which when it shalbe wett, shal shrinke more then one yeard & a halfe in al the lēgth, & a quarter of a yeard in the breadeth. And that narrow straites and kerseis, shall not from thesayd feast be stretched aboue a yeard in length, & halfe a quarter of a yeard in breadeth, vpō the paine for euery defalt therin. xx. s. nor shall put to sale any cloth, narow, streite or kersey, the peces whereof beyng wet shall shrinke more then after thesame seuerall rates in the whole pece, vpon paine to forfeite for euery suche offence. xx. s. AND further, that no person or persons occupieng the feate of dīēg, shal die or alter into colours, or cause to be died, or altered into colours any wollen clothes, as browne blewes, piewkes, taunies, or violettes, except thesame wollen clothes be perfectly boiled, greined or madered vpon the woade, and shot with good and sufficiēt colre or orchal after a due substanciall & sufficient maner of workmanship, according to the auncient workmāship in time past vsed, vpō paine for euery defalt to forfet, xx. s. Nor that any person, shall frō thesaid feast, dye any wolle to be couerted into clothe called russettes, musters, marbles, graies, ropes & suche like colors, or to be conuerted & made into hattes or cappes, onles thesame wol be perfectly woaded, boiled & maddered according to the true & auncient vsage vpon the paine of forfeiture for the falfe dyeng of euery suche cloth, or of asmuche wol as shal serue for the making of euery cloth cōtrarie to the true meaning therof. xl. s. Nor shal dye with brasell to thintēt to make a false coloure in cloth nor wol, hattes nor cappes, vpon paine for euery defalt to forfet. xx. s.

And that no person or persons, shall after thesaid feast put any flockes, chalke floure or stercche or any other deceiuable thing, vpon any set clothe or vpon any other cloth or clothes coloured or vncolored, vpon

payne to forfet for euery suche offence. xl. s. And that no persone shall from thesaid feast, occupie any iron cardes or pickardes in rowyng of any set cloth or any maner of wollen cloth, vpon payne to forfet, aswell thesaied iron cardes or pickardes as also the somme of. xx. s. for euery suche offence. Nor that any person shall from thesaid feast sel any cloth by any lesse measure then after the true content thereof, to be motten & measured by the yeard, addyng to euery yeard one ynch of the rule, accordyng to the statute made in the. vi. yere of the Reigne of the moste worthy Prince of moste famous memory Kyng Henry the. viii. father vnto our souereigne Lord the kyng that now is, vpon payne to forfet for euery yeard of clothe so put to sale, by any other lesse measure. vi. s. viii. d. And that no person shal from thesaied feast put to sale here with in the realme, either by retayll or otherwise any cloth, beyng pressed to be occupied and worne here within the realme of England, Wales, or Ireland, vpon payne of forfeiture of thesame cloth or the value thereof that haue bene so pressed and put to sale, as is last before remembred.

And for the better executyng of this statute, be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesaid, that in euery toune, village, or hamlet, beyng not corporate, where any cloth shalbe made, or sold, the Justices of peace of ye same shire where any such toune, village, or hamlet is, or two of thē at the least, & in euery citie, boroughe, or toune corporate, the hed officer or officers of euery thesame Citie, Borough, or toune corporate together with the wardens of the clothworkers, or two of them at the least shal haue full power & aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, once euery yere to conuent & call before thē by their precept, or otherwyse ii. iiii. vi viii. or more, as they shall think good by their discreciō of the most honest, discrete and indifferent men of euery such citie, borough, toune, village or hālet, wher any cloth shalbe made or sold, & them shal cōstitute, ordeine and appoincte to be ouerseers for one whole yere then next folowynge, within the citie, borough, toune, village or hamlet, where thesame ouerseers shalbe dwellyng, charging thē also vpon their othes, & as they do tender the honor of the realme, & the comen welth of thesame, that they do indeuour theim selfes for that yere, as muche as in thē shal lye, to se that this statute be truly obserued and kept within the limites of their charge in euerye parte thereof. And that thesame ouerseers, or two of them, shal euerye quarter of thesaid yere at the least, or so often as nede shall require by their discrecions, by force hereof, visite & go into euery clothiers, drapers, clothworkers, diers and pressors houses, shops, and other places, where cloth or died woll shalbe, & there to make due serche and to vieue the clothes & wolles, made or died or remaining to be sold and to serche and trie, aswell whether thesayde clothes, be drawen or streined or falslie died, as also of all other the defaltes before specified, committed, or done contrarye to the true meaninge of this acte. And yf vpō the serche, the clothes be found drawne or strained, or the clothe or

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wolles falsly died or coloured, or any other of the saied faultes committed or done, contrary to the true meaning of this statute; That then the said seuerall forfaitures to excure vpo the parte or parties which shall offende in the same, or in any of them the one halfe of al which forfeitures to bee vnto the kyng our souereigne Lorde his heyres or successours and the other halfe to suche of the said ouerseers, as doth fynd the saied defaultes or causes of forfeitures, and that will sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of record or before the Justices of peace, within any such citie, borough or towne corporat or before the Justices of peace within any shire where any suche forfeitures shalbe had out of any citie or towne corporate, the same sute to be pursued by Bill, plaint accion of debte, Informacion or otherwise, and in which sute, no wager of law, essoine or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And yf the saied ouerseers shalbe negligent and wyl not sue for the same forfaitures by the space of one halfe yere next after the cause of the same forfaitures committed and done, that then the one halfe of the same forfaiture, to be vnto our sayed souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires or successours, and the other halfe to hym whiche will sue for the same, as is aforesaid within one other halfe yere next after suche default be had by the said ouerseers. And if any of the said persons so commaunded to appeare to be made ouerseers, as is aforesaid, hauyng no reasonable excuse, do refuse to come, & to take vpo hym or them to be an ouerseer, as is aforesaid, that then euery such person refusing, & hauing no reasonable excuse so to do, to forfeit for euery suche refusyng .xl.s. the one halfe thereof, to be to the kynge our said souereigne, his heyres or successours, and the other halfe to the Justices of peare, or other hed Officer or Officers, by whose commaundement he was commaunded to appeare or to be an ouerseer, and the same ouerseer so offendyng, to remaine in the warde of the Shirife, vntyll suche tyme as he had made payment of the saied forfayture, or otherwyse put in sufficient bonde for the satisfaction of the same. And if the same ouerseers, or two of them at the leaste, do not once euery quarter of the yere, make due searche for the true execution of this statute, that then euery of the saied ouerseers, to forfaite for euery suche default .x.l. the one halfe to be to the kynges highnes, his heires or successors, and the other halfe, to hym that will sue for the same, by bylL plaint accion of debt, Informacion or otherwise, in whiche sute, no essoyne or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt. And if the saied ouerseers, shalbe interrupted and not suffered to enter into the saied houses, shopes or other places, where any suche clothes or wolles shalbe made or died or any other of the said defaultes shal happen to be done or committed, there to make search for the better execution of this statute, that then euery one that so shall make anye suche interruption, shall forfeite .xl.l. the one halfe of whiche forfeiture to be to oure said souereigne Lorde the kyng, hys heyres or successours

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and thother halfe therof, to be to thesaide ouerseers, to whom any suche interrupcion shalbe made, and thesame to be opteined and pursued for, in suche maner and fourme, as before in thys Acte is expressed, for the recouery of other of thesayde forfaitures.

Prouided alwaies & be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that it shall & maye be leful to euery person & persons, to put to sale any clothe or clothes, made, died, or prest, whyche before thesayde feaste of the Annunciacion of our Lady shalbe made, died or prest, at any tyme wythin one yere, nexte after thesaide feast of the Annunciacion of oure Lady, so as the Alnager, or hys Deputie or other hed Officer in any such Citie, Borough, Toune, Village or Hamlet, do put some notorious marke to euery suche clothe, whereby thesame may be knowen to be made before thesayd feast of the Purificacion of our Lady next commyng

Prouided also that no maner of person, shal take any auauntage of any of thesayde forfaitures, by reason of this Statute, onlesse thesame person dothe commence hys sute, wythin one yere next after thesayde offences and forfaitures committed.

And to thentent, that all suche Clothes as shalbe made wythin thys Realme, or any other of the Kynges dominions after thesayde feaste, shalbe the better knowen from the other Clothes made before thesame tyme: Be it therefore enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that euerye Clotheir shal before suche tyme, as he shall putte his Clothe to sale, beyng made after thesayde feast, cause euery Clothe to be marked with a letter of E. crouned wrought in the cloth, vpon peyn of forfeiture for euery clothe so beyng solde and not merked wyth thesayde letter E. by any suche Clothier .xx.s. the one halfe of whiche forfaiture to be to our souereigne Lord the Kyng, hys heires or successours, and thother halfe to hym that will sue for thesame, in maner and fourme before rehersed.

¶ The .iii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte concernyng the emprouementes of Commons and Wast groundes.

Where in the Parliament holdē at Marton in the .xx. yere of the reigne of Kyng Henry the third, it is conteyned that for because many great men of England whiche had enfeoffed Knightes & other their tre tenauntes of small tenementes in their greate mannours, did cōplaine ẏ thei might not make their profites of ẏresidue of their manours, as of wast woddes and pastures, wher thesame feoffes had sufficiēt pasture, as muche as belōged vnto their tenemētes: it was prouided & graunted, ẏ whatsoeuer persons so enfeoffed, brought assise of Nouell disseison, of their common of pasture, & before ẏ iustices it were recognised, that they had as much pasture as did suffice vnto their Tenementes, & that they had free ingresse

gresse ꝛegresse into, and from their tenemẽtes vntō their pasture, that then thei should therwith be contented and that thei, vpon whom they hadde cōplained shoulde departe quite with that ꝑ they myght make their profite of their landes, wastes, woddes, and pastures. And yf it were sayde that they had not sufficiẽt pasture, or sufficient ingresse and egresse, as much as doth belong vnto their tenemẽtes, as is aboue said, that then the trueth therof shoulde be enquired, by Assise, ꝛ yf it were recogniled by the Assise, that their ingresse ꝛ egresse wer in any thinge letted by the same defoꝛciatours, or that thei had not sufficient pasture and sufficiẽt ingresse and egresse as is aboue said, that then they should recouer their *seison*, by vewe of the Jurours, so that by the discretiō and othe of them, the complainauntes shoulde haue sufficiẽt pasture ꝛ sufficient ingresse and egresse, in fourme afoꝛesaide, ꝛ that the disseisours should be in amerciamẽt of the kyng, and should yelde dammages as thei were wonte ty do befoꝛe the same pꝛouisiō. And if it were recoignised by the Assise, that the complainaũtes hadde sufficient pasture with free ingresse ꝛ egresse, as is aboue mẽcioned, that then the other might lawfully do their pꝛofite of the residue, and should goo quite from the same Assise, as in the saide Estatute moꝛe playnely appeareth.

And where also in the Parliament holden at Westminster after Easter the.xiii. yere of ꝑ reigne of kyng Edward the first, it was oꝛdeined that where in the statute made at Marton, it was agreed that loꝛdes of wastes, woddes ꝛ pastures, might appꝛoue them selfes of their wastes, woddes and pastures, notwithstandyng the gayne saiyng and contradicciō of their tenauntes, whiles the same tenauntes had sufficient pasture to their tenementes with free ingresse and egresse, into and from the same. And foꝛ that no mencion was made betwene neighbour and neighbour, many Loꝛdes of wastes woddes and pastures, vnto that time were let by contradiccion oꝛ gayne saiyng of neighbours, hauyng sufficient pasture. And foꝛasmuch as foꝛein tenauntes haue no greater right of commoning in the wood, wast oꝛ pasture of any Loꝛd, then the pꝛoper tenauntes of the same Loꝛd, it was frō thencefoꝛth oꝛdeigned, that the saide Statute pꝛouided at Martō, betwene the Loꝛd and his tenauntes, should haue place frō thencefoꝛth betwene the loꝛdes of wastes, woddes and pastures, and neighbours sauing sufficient pasture to their menne and neighbours, so that the Loꝛdes of the same wast, wastes, woddes, and pastures, maye appꝛoue theim selfes of the residue, and that the same should be obserued of them that claime pasture as perteignyng to their Tenauntes. But if any man claime common of pasture, by special feoffement oꝛ graunt, to a certain nombꝛe of beastes, oꝛ otherwise, the of common right he ought to haue it. Where couenaunt dothe abꝛogate the lawe, he shall haue suche retourey as he ought to haue by foꝛme of the graunt to hym made. And that by occasion of a mayndmyll, Shepehoule, Dairy, augmentacion oꝛ increase of any courte necessarie, oꝛ curtillage, from thencefoꝛth, noman should be

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tied by Assise, of *Nouell disseisen*, of common of pasture. And forasmuche as it happeneth some tyme that some men hauing right to approue to him selfe, hathe made or leued a ditche or a hedge, & other by mighte or suche othet tyme, when they beleue their dede shoulde not bee knowen, doo or will cast doune the same ditche or hedge, and that it cannot be knowen by verdite of Assise or Jury, who did cast doune thesame ditch or hedge nor the menne of the nexte toune wil endite them ỹ be giltie of thesame dedes, then the nexte toune shippe adioyning about the same shalbe destreyned, to leue and make vp the same ditche or hedge at their proper costes, and to yelde dammages, as in the sayde estatute amongest other thinges more plainly appereth.

And forasmuche as the aforesayde Estatutes bene thought beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme of England: Be it enacted by the kynge our Souereigne Lorde with thassent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliamente assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that all and euery thesayd Statutes and all braunches, clauses, articles, sentences, matters, and poynctes conteined and specified in theim, and euery of theim, nowe not repeled, shal from henceforth be good and effectual, and also stand and be in their full strength, force and effecte.

And because that suche persons as shall bringe Assyse of *Nouell disseisen*, vpon thesayd Estatutes, or vpon any of theim, shall by force of thesame estatute recouer but onely syngle dammages, whiche is thought to bee a smal recompence for the same: Therefore be it enacted by thauthoritie afore sayde, that suche person and persons as shall at any tyme hereafter bringe Assise vpon any Braunche or Article of the sayde Estatutes, or any of theim, and haue iudgement to recouer, shall haue his, or their dammages trebled by the iudgement of the court, where suche Assise & iudgement shalbe had.

And where in diuerse countries of this Realme, there hathe bene buylded vpon Commons or wast grounds, certayne necessary houses with grounde, vnder the quantitie of three acres, and not aboue three acres enclosed to and with the same: and in some place there is enclosed a garden, orchard or pond, out, of, or in such wastes or grounds which excede not the quantitie of two acres or there aboutes, whiche doeth no hurt, and yet is much commoditie to thee owner thereof, and to others: Be it therfore enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaide, that thee sayde twoo former acres, nor any of theim, nor any thing in theim contened, shal extende to any suche house, grounde or other thynge so inclosed, as is last herin before mencioned, ne shall cause any person or persons, to lose or forfayte any payne, dammage, or penalty for thesame.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted, that if anye suche House hath bene heretofore buylded vpon any such wast grounde as is aforesayde, and that there be aboue the nombre of three acres enclosed to the same

ſame, that then theſaide houſe and three acres percell of theſame enclo-
ſure, ſhall ſtil remaine, ſtande, abide and continue in lyke and theſame
fourme and degree, as it now doth, and that the ouerplus, of theſayde
three acres ſo encloſed, as is aforeſaide, ſhal and maye be layed open by
the owner or owners of theſame waſtes, any thing in this act, or in any
of theſaide former acres, to the contrarie in any wiſe notwithſtandyng.

¶ The.iiii. Chapiter.

An acte concernyng grauntes and giftes made by patenties out of letters patentes.

WHere the right noble and famous kyng of full worthye memorye kynge Henry the.viii. father to oure moſte dreade and nowe naturall ſouereigne lyege Lorde, lithens the.iiii. date of Februarie in the.xxviii. yere of hys late reigne, and alſo the kynges moſte excellent Maieſtie, by theyr ſeuerall letters Patentes, haue geuen, graunted, bargained, ſolde, and eſchaunged to and with diuerſe & ſundrie the ſubiectes of this Realme, bodyes politique and corporate in fee ſimple, Fee taile, for terme of life or yeres, diuerſe honours, caſtles, manours, landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, and offices. After and ſence whyche grauntes, bargaines, ſales and exchaunges, diuerſe of theſaide, Patentes, theyr heires, ſucceſſours or aſſignes, haue bargained, ſolde, geuen, exchaunged or dimiſed, diuerſe perticuler partes, percels or portions of theſayde honours, caſtles, mannours, landes, tenementes, hereditamentes & offices, or other thinges thereunto apperteignyng, or belongyng to other perſon or perſons, bodyes politique, or corporate, ſ is to ſaie, to ſome of them in fee ſimple, to ſome other in fee taile for terme of lyfe, or yeres or other wyſe. And after theſame patentes, for conſideracions theim mouyng, haue ſurrendred and geuen vp, theyr ſayde letters Patentes into the Chauncerie, or otherwyſe theſame letters Patentes, haue bene forfaited by attainder, loſt, cancelled, imbeciled, or by other wayes or meanes, haue come to the handes of the kynges Maieſtie hys late father And thereupon oft tymes the enrollement of theſame, hath bene made voide and fruſtrate, ſome tyme in parte and ſome tyme in the whole, by reaſon whereof, ſuche perſones, bodyes politique or corporate, as haue had intereſt, or title, in, or to theſame caſtles, mannours, or particuler portions or percels of theſame ſo to them geuen and graunted, haue bene in tymes paſte, and in tyme to come are lyke to be deſheryted, or in daunger of loſſe of their intereſt in or to theſame, to their no litle hinderaunce and perill: For remedie wherof, be it ordeined, eſtabliſhed & enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent parliament

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that al & euery person or persons, bodies politique or corporat, whych lawfullye shal or maye claime by force of any patent or patentes, made sithins thesayde .iiii. date of Februarie, or hereafter too bee made by the kynges maiestie, hys heyres or successours, kynges of thys Realme, or by any of theim, and all other that nowe haue, or hereafter shal happen to haue, any good, or lawfull estate, right, title, rent, profit, interest, or possession, of, in, to or out of any honours, manours, landes, tenementes hereditamentes, or offices, or of other thynges, to any of the premisses apperteignyng, or belongyng, or to any parte parcell or membre of theim or any of theim, by, from or vnder any suche Patent or patents, or any of theim, or by, from, or vnder the heyres, successours, or assignes of of theim, or any of theim, or by frō or vnder the state of any others, whiche had, haue or hereafter shal haue ȳ state, title, or interest, of any suche Patente, or patentees, or by any other meanes vnder the date of suche letters patentes, shal and maie at al times hereafter, in any the Kinges courtes, hys heires or successours, and els where, by vertue of this present act, make and conuey vnto theim selfe title by waie of declaracion plainte, auourie, title, barre, or otherwyse, aswel against ȳ kynges highnes hys heyers & successours, and euery of theim, as against any other person or persons, vnto thesayde honours, castels, mannours, landes, tenementes, offices, and other the premisses, or any parte or parcell of thesame, vnto thē, or any their predecessours or auncestours, or others, whose estate they haue in thesame, by, from, or vnder thesayd patētes, or any of them or theires, auncestors, or assignes of any of theim, or other wyse, vnder the date of thesayde letters patentes, compriſed and conteined in any exemplificacion or constat thereof made or to bee made, by the shewyng forth of thesayd exemplificacion or constat of the Rolle, or of so muche thereof, as shall serue for the matter in variaunce, vnder the great Seale of Englande. And thesame exemplificacion, or constat of thesayde enrollement, so as is aforsayde, pleaded and shewed, shalbe of lyke and thesame force and effect, to all intentes and constructions in the law, as thesayde first letters patentes were, and should be of, yf thesame were or should be pleaded or shewed.

¶ The. v. Chapiter.

An act, for the punishement of vnlawfull assembles. and rising of the kynges Subiectes.

FOrasmuche, as it is moste necessary, in a Common wealth, too prouide that tranquilitie and peace, maye bee continued in thee Realme, and that all thynges beyng contrary thereunto maye by foresyght bee exchewed: Therefore it is ordeygned, and enacted, by thee Kynge our souereygn Lorde, wyth the assent of thee Lordes and Commons, of thys present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of thesame, that yf any

any persones, to the nombre of.xii.or aboue, beyng assembled together at any tyme, after the.xii.day of February next commyng shall intend, go about, practyse, or put in vre, with force of armes, vnlawfully, & of their owne aucthoritie, to murder, kyl, slay, take, or imprison, any of the Kynges moste honourable priuey Counsayl, or vnlawfully to alter or chaunge any lawes, made or established for Religion, by aucthoritie of Parliament, or any other Lawes or Estatutes of this Realme, or any of thē. Thesame nomber of.xii.or aboue, beyng commaunded or required, by the Shirife of the Shire, or by any Justice of Peace of thesame Shire, or by the Maior, Shirifes, Justices of peace, or Bailifes, of any citie, borough or toune corporate, where anye suche assemble shalbe vnlawfully had or made, by Proclamaciō in the kynges name, to retier and repayre to their owne houses, habitacions or places, from whence they came, and they or any of them, notwithstanding such Proclamacion, shall remayne or make their abode, or continue together, by the space of an whole Houre, after suche Commaundement or request, made by Proclamacion, or after that shall willyngly, in forceable and riotous maner attempt to do, or put in vre, any the thynges aboue specefyed: That then aswell euery suche abode or continuyng together, as euery suche act or offence, that after such Proclamacion, comaūdement or request, had or made, shalbe attempted to be done, practised or put in vre by any persones, beynge of the nombre aforesaid, shalbe iudged high treason, in all and synguler those persones, that so shall make their abode, or continue together, or shall attempt or commit any suche act, and the offendors therin, their aidours, abbettours, and procurers, to be adiudged Traitours, to the kyng and the realme, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of hygh Treason.

And furthermore, be it enacted, ordeigned, and established, by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any persones, to thesayd nomber of.xii.or aboue, after thesayd.xii.day of February, shal intend, go about, practyse, or put in vre, in maner and forme aforesayd, to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, cast doune, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Ditches, or other closure of any Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Grounde Enclosed, or the Bankes of any Fysh Pond or Poole, or any Conduytes for water, Cōduite Heddes, or Conduite Pipes, hauing course of water, to the intēt that thesame or any of them, from thencefurth should remain open, not inclosed or boyde, or vnlawfully to haue Conimon, or waie in thesayde Parkes, Parke, or other Groundes or Grounde Inclosed, or in any of them, or to destroy the Dere, in any maner of Parkes or Parke, or any Warreins or Wartein of Conies, or any Douehouses, or any Fyshe in any Pond or Poole, or to pul or cut doune, any houses, barnes, milles, or Bayes, or to burne any Stackes of Corne or Grain, or to abate, defalke, or diminishe the Rentes or yerely value of any Manours, Landes or Tenementes, or the price of any Victuall, Corne, or Grain, or

any other thing, vsuall for the sustenaunce of men: and beinge requyred or commaũded, by any Justice of Peace, or by the Shirike of the countie, or by the Maior, Bailife, or Bailifes, or other hed officers of any hed Citie, or Toune Corporat, where suche assemble shalbe had, by Proclamacion, to be made in the kinges name, to retier or returne, in peaceable maner to their Habitacions, Places and Houses, from whence they came, and they, or any of theim, notwithstandyng such Proclamacion, shall remain or make their abode, or continue together, by the space of one whole houre, after suche commaundemẽt or request, made by Proclamacion, or after that shall in forcible maner, attempt to do, or put in vre any of the thinges laste before mencyoned: That then aswell euery suche abode, or continuing together, as euery suche act, that after suche Proclamacion, commaundement, or request, had or made, shalbe done, practysed or put in vre, by any persons, beyng aboue the nombre of .xii. shalbe adiudged Felony, and the offendors therein to be adiudged Felons, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of Felony, and euery of thesame persones, to lose the benefite of his Clergie and Sanctuary.

And also, it is ordeigned, and enacted by the aucthoritie aboue sayd, that yf any persone or persones, after thesayd .xii. day of Februry, vnlawfully and without aucthoritie, by ringyng of any bel or belles soundyng of any Dromme, Trompet, Horne, or other Instrument whatsoeuer, or by fieryng of any Beacon, or by malicious speaking or vttering of any wordes, or makinge any outcrye, or by settinge vp or castinge of any bylles, bil, or writing whatsoeuer, or by any other dede or acte shall raise, or cause to be reysed or assembled, anye persones, to the nombre of twelue or aboue, to thintent that thesame persones should do, commyt and put in vre, any of the actes or thynges, aboue mencioned, and that the persones, to the nombre of .xii. or aboue, so rayled and assembled, after request or commaundement, had or geuen in forme aforesayd, shall make their abode, or continue together, as is aforesaide, or vnlawfully perpetrate, do, commit or put in vre, any of the actes or thynges aboue sayd, that then all and synguler persones, by whose speakyng, dede, act, or any other the meanes aboue specefyed, any persons to the nombre of xii. or aboue, shalbe reysed or assembled for the doyng, committyng, or puttyng in vre, any of the actes or thyngs aboue mencioned, shalbe adiudged for his so speakyng or doyng a Felon, and shall suffre execucion of death, as in case of Felony, and shal lose his benefite and Sanctuary and Clergie.

And ouer that, it is ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any persones, to the nomber of .xl. and aboue, after thesayde xii. daye of February, shalbe assembled together, in forcible maner vnlawfully, & of their owne aucthoritie, to thintent to do, exercise, or put in vre, any of the thynges aboue mencyoned, or to do anye other Traiterous, Felonious, or Rebellious act or actes, and so shall contynue by

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the ſpace of two houres, that then euery perſon, ſo beyng wyllyngly aſſembled in forcible maner, and ſo continuyng, by the ſpace of two houres, ſhalbe adiudged a Traytor to the kynge, and to the Realme, and ſhall ſuffre execution of death as in caſe of high treaſon.

And alſo, that if any wife or ſeruaunt of any of theſame perſones, or any other perſon whatſoeuer, ſhall willingly, and without compulſyon bryng, ſend, delyuer, or conueigh any money, harneis, artillary, weapō, meate, bread, drynke, or other victuall, to any perſon or perſones, ſo beyng aſſembled, as is aforeſaid, duryng ſuch tyme, as he or thei ſhal ſo be aſſembled, or be together, as is aforeſayd: that then euery wife ſeruaūt or other perſon ſo bryngyng, ſendyng, delyuerying, or conueighyng anye money, harnes, artillery, weapon, meat, bread, drynke, or victuall, to the ſame perſones, ſo beyng aſſembled together, in forcible maner, or to any of them, ſhalbe iudged a traitor, to the kyng, and to the Realme, and ſhal ſuffre execucion of death, as in caſe of high treaſon.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned and enacted, by the auctheritie aboueſayd, that euery perſone, that at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe attaynted, of, or for, any of the Treaſons or Treaſon, aboue mencioned, ſhall vpon his ſayd attaindour, forfeit his Goodes, Catteles, Intereſtes, for terme of lyfe, of yeres, landes, Tenementes, & other hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as any perſon attaynted of Felony, onely ſhould, or ought to forfeit, by the common lawes of this realme, and not otherwyſe: that is to ſay, the kyng to haue the yere, and daye and waſt of ſuche Landes and Tenementes, whereof any perſon ſo attaynted, ſhal at the tyme of the Treaſon committed, or at anye tyme after, haue an eſtate of fee ſimple, and alſo the goodes and Catteles, real and perſonall. And that the Lordes of whom, theſayd Landes and Tenementes, or any part thereof ſhalbe holden, to haue and enioye the Landes and Tenementes, holden of him or them for euer, in ſuch theſame maner and forme, as in caſes of attaindor of Felony, at the common lawe. And that euery perſon, that at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe attaynted, of any of the Treaſons aforeſayd, ſhall forfeyt the Landes and Tenimētes, and other Hereditamentes, whereof he ſhalbe ſeazed, of anye eſtate in Tail, or for terme of lyfe or lyfes, at the tyme of any ſuch Treaſon committed, or at any tyme after, duryng hys lyfe onely, & no lenger, onleſſe the perſon ſo attaynted, ſhalbe therof ſeazed in his Demeſne, as of fee at the tyme of the ſaid treaſon committed, or at any tyme after. And that after the deceaſſe of theſame perſon, ſo attaynted, all and ſyngular ſuch perſons and perſon, as ſhould haue had and enioyed ſuch Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, as any perſon, that at any tyme hereafter ſhalbe attaynted, of, or for, any Treaſon aboue ſpecifyed, ſhal fortune to be ſeazed, of any eſtate in tayll, or for terme of lyfe, at the time of anye ſuche Treaſon committed, or at anye tyme after, ſhall after the death of theſame perſone, that ſo ſhal fortune to be attainted, haue and

enioye thesayde Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, in like maner and forme, as though no suche attaindor had been had, any law or vsage, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And furthermore, it is ordeigned, and enacted, by the auctholitie aboue sayde, that if any persons, aboue the nombre of twoo, & vnder the nomber of .xii. beyng assembled together, at any tyme after the sayd .xii. daye of Februarye, shall intende, go aboue, practise, or putte in vre, with force of armes, vnlawfully, and of their awne auctholitie, to murder, kill, or slaie, any of the kynges Maiesties subiectes, or to ouerthrowe, cut, breake, cast doune, or digge vp the Pales, Hedges, Ditches, Wall, or other closure of any Parkes, Parke or other ground enclosed, or the banke of any fishe Ponde or Poole, to the intent that the same, or anye of them, from thencefurth, should remaigne open not enclosed, or voide or to haue Common, or waye in the same Parkes or Parke, or other groundes or ground enclosed, or in any of them, or to destroy anye maner of Parkes or Parke or Fishe Pond or Poole, or any Warreins or Warrein of Conies, or any Douehouses, or to pull, or cutte doune any house, Barne, Mill, or to burne any stackes of Corne or grain, or alter defalk, or abate the Rentes or yerely value of any Manours, Landes or tenementes, of any the kynges subiectes, or the price of any victuall, Corne, or graine, or any other thyng vsuall for the sustenaūce or apparell of men, and beyng requyred or commaunded by any Justice of the Peace, or the Shiriek of the countie, or by any Maior, Bailifes, or Bailief, or other hed officer, of any Citie, or Toune Corporate, where such assemble shalbe had, by Proclamation, to be made in the kynges name to retier, or returne to their habitacions, places, or houses, & they so required by suche Proclamacion, shall not so doo, but after that shall in forcible maner, in forme aforesaid, attempte to do, or put in vre, any of the thynges last aboue mencioned: that then euery of the same persones beyng aboue the nombre of two, and vnder the nombre of .xii. shall suffer imprisonmēt, of hys or their bodies, by the space of one yere, without baill or mainprise, and shal make fine and raunsome at the kinges will and pleasure. And also, that if any person or persons, at any tyme after the sayd .xii. day of Februarye, shalbe dāpnefied or hurted, by the doing, committyng, or puttyng in vre, of any vnlawful act or thing aboue mencioned: That then all and synguler persones, so dampnified or hurte, shall recouer and haue dammages, with the costes of their suite, sustened in that behalfe, trebled against the offendours their in.

AND for asmuche, as suche euill disposed persones, whyche of late tyme made Commotions and Rebellion, in certain places, within thys Realme, beyng but feme in nombre, at suche tyme as they did begin the same commocion, were not in shorte tyme, after the beginnyng thereof, suppressed by strength, for that the kinges louing Subiectes, for feare to incurre in daunger of the lawes of thys realme, durst not take vpon

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theim so to do, a greate numbre of euell disposed persones, did come and ioyne themselues, to the sayd small nombre, whereby the same euill disposed persones, toke vpon theim suche boldnes, that they would not be reduced to obedience, without much bloudshedynge, to thee greate daunger, of the kynges Maiesties persone, where, if thee kynges louing subiectes durst haue taken vpon theim, to haue suppressed them at the beginning, suche inconuenience and bloudshed, shoulde not haue folowed: therfore, it is also ordeigned and enacted, by the auctoritie afore sayde that if any persones, aboue the nombre of twoo, that at any tyme, after the sayd. xii. day of February, shalbe vnlawfully, and of their awne authority, assembled together, to the entent with force of Armes, too doe, practise, or put in vre, any of the thinges aboue mencyoned, that then it shalbe lawfull, to euery Justice of Peace, and to euery Shirife, in anye Countie, beyng within the kynges Dominions, and to euerye Mayor, Bailife, and other hed officer of any Citie, or Toune Corporate, for the tyme he shalbe in Office, or any other persone or persones, haumge thee Kynges Commission, or Letters from hys highnes, or his priuie counsail, aswell to rayse and assemble the kynges louing subiectes, in manner of warre to be arayed, in suche greate nombre, as he or they, then shall thinke mete or able, to the intent by violence and strengthe to suppresse apprehend and take the sayde persones, that so shalbe vnlawfully assembled. And that yf the saide persones, so vnlawfully assembled, after such commaundement or request by Proclamation, or otherwise made, shall continew together, and not endeuour themselues, too returne towardes their habitacions, houses or places, frō whence thei came, in suche short tyme, as they may conuenientlye: that then it shalbe lefull to euery Justice of Peace, Sheriffe, and also to euery Mayor, Bailife, and other hed Officer of any Citie or Toune Corporate, and to euery other persone, hauing auctorite, as is aforesayd, after suche commaundement or request by Proclamation made, and to suche persones, as shalbee assembled, with any Justice of Peace, or Shirife or with any Maior, Bailife or other hed Officer, of any Citie, or Toune Corporate, and with euery other persone, hauing auctoritie, as is aforesayde, to suppresse, apprehend, and take those persones, so vnlawfully assēbled, which after suche request made, shall continew together, and not endeuour themselues to returne towardes their habitacions, or places from whence they came. And that if the sayd persons, so vnlawfully assembled to gether, or any of them shall fortune to be kylled, slain, maimed, or hurt, in, or about the suppressing or takyng of them: that then euery suche Justice of Peace, Shirife, Mayor, Bailife and other hed officer, and euery other persone, hauing auctoritie, as is aforesayde, and all and synguler persones, by hym or theim assembled, shalbe free, discharged, and vnpunsheable, aswell against the kinge, as against all and euery other persone and persones, of, for, or concerning the killyng, slayng, maymyng, and hurtyng,

of any person or persons, so vnlawfully assembled, that shall fortune to to be killed, slain, maimed or hurte, about, or by occasion of suppressing or taking of them.

And furthermore, bee it enacted, by aucthoritie aforesayd, that al and euery Copiholder, or Customary holder, beyng artificer, husbandman, or labourer, and beyng of the age of .xviii. yeres, or more, and vnder thee age of .lx. yeres, not sicke, impotent, lame, maimed, ne hauing any other iuste, or reasonable excuse, or cause to thee contrary, and beyng required by the Shirife, Justice or Justices of Peace, or other hauyng aucthoritie by this Acte, or by Commission, or Letters, as is abouesayde in that behalfe, (they declaryng their saied aucthoritie, or beyng required by the immediate lorde or lordes of whom suche Copiholdes, or Customary holdes, then shalbe holden, to serue the kynges Maiestie, for anye the causes aboue rehersed, and refuse so to do, shall onely duryng the life of suche persone or personnes, so refusing, forfeite & lose, to his or their Lorde or Lordes, of whome suche Copie or Customary holdes, the shal be immediatly holden, and shoulde be holden, durynge the life of suche persone or persones so refusing, in case he or they had not so refused, all their Copieholdes, and Customary holdes. And that it shalbe lawfull to euery suche Lorde or lordes, their Heyres or Assignes, of whome such Copie holdes, or Customary holdes, shalbe immediatelye holden, and should haue bene holden in case suhe person or personnes, had not so refused, by vertue of this present acte, to entre and take into hys or theyre handes and possession, all suche Copie holdes, and Customary Holdes, so holden of them, or any of them immediately: and to reteigne thesame duryng onely the lyfe of euery suche offendour or Offendours, in suche manet and forme, as he or they shoulde haue had, the rentes or seruices of suche Copie holde, or Customary Holde, in case suche persone or persones so refusing, had not refused. And that all and euery Fermour beyng a yoman, husbandman, artificer or labourer, and beyng of the age of .xviii. yeres or more, and vnder the age of .lx. yeres, not sicke, ympotente lame, maimed, ne hauing any other iust or reasonable excuse, or cause to the contrary, & beyng required by the Shirife, Justice, or Justices of ỹ peace, or other hauing aucthoritie by this acte, or by Commission, or letters as is afforesayd, in this behalfe (they declaryng their sayd aucthoritie) or beyng required by their Landlorde, or landelordes, for the time beynge, to whome the Rentes of suche, Fermes, shalbe then rising, comyng, or growing, to serue the Kynges Maiestie, for any the causes aboue rehersed, and refuse so to do, shall durynge onely thee life, of suche Fermoure or Fermoures so refusing, forfeyt and lose to suche landlord and landlordes, as shoulde haue had the rentes, of such Fermours, duryng the life and lyfes, of such person or persons so refusinge, all theire sayde Fermes, And that it shalbe lefull, to euery suche Landelorde and Landelordes, their Heires and Assignes, to whome, the Rentes of suche

Fermes

Fermes, should haue bene due, during the lyfe of suche persone, or persones, to refusing, in case suche persone or persones, had not so refused, by vertue of this present act, to enter and take into his or their handes or possession all suche Farmes, and to reteyne the same, duryng only the lyfe of euery suche offendour or offendours. Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted, by thauctoritie aforesaid, that after the death of euery such Copyholder, Customaryholder, or Fermour, as so shall offend, and forfeit any of their sayde Copieholdes, Customaryholdes, or Fermes, as is aforesayd, that then al and euery such person and persons, as should or ought, to haue had the sayd, Copyholdes, Customary holdes, or Fermes, after, or by thee deathe of suche Copiholder, Customaryholder, or Fermor, in case suche Copiholder, Customary holder, or Fermour, had not so offended, ne forfeyted, shall and may haue the same Copyholdes, Customary holde, and Fermes, by Entre, Accion, Admission, or otherwyse in lyke maner Forme and condicion, and by such waies and meanes as they and euery of theim shoulde, might, or ought to haue had yf no such forfeiture, or offence had bene had done or committed.

And furthermore it is ordeigned and enacted, by the auctoritie aforesayed, that if any persone or persones, after the sayd .xii. daye of Februarye, by open worde or dede, shall procure, moue or stirre any other persone or persones to arise, or make any Trayterous or Rebellious assemble to thentent to do, exercise or put in vre, any of the thinges aboue mencioned: that then euery person so procuring, mouing, or stirryng any other, shall therefore be demed, and adiudged a Felō, and suffre paines of death, and forfayte his goodes, Cattalles, Landes, and tenementes, as in cases of Felony, and shall also lese thee benefyte of hys Clergye and Sanctuary.

And also, be yt furthet enacted by the auctoritie, aforesayde, that yf any persone or persones, whiche at any tyme after thesame daye, shalbe spoken vnto, moued, or stirred, to make any commotion, insurrection, or vnlawfull assemble, for any of the intentes aboue mencioned, and dooe not within .xxiii. houres nexte after he or they shalbe so spokē vnto moued or stirred (onelesse he shall haue a good and reasonable cause of excuse) declare thesame to one Justice of peace, or Shirif of the said coūtie, or to the Mayor, Shirifes, Bailife or Bailifes, or other hed Officer of any Citie, or Towne Corporat, where such speakyng, motion, or stirryng shalbe had, shal suffre imprisonmente, vntil he shalbe discharged, by three Justices of Peace, of thesame Shire, where the offence shalbee, where of one of the said Justices, shalbe of the Quorum.

And it is ordeigned and enacted, by thauctoritie aboueseyde, that yf any persone or persones, beyng aboute the age of xviii. yeres, and vnder thage of .lx. yeres, beyng able to serue, and not sicke, lame, or impotēt, shalbe required, by any Justice of the peace, or any Shirife of any Countie, where any suche assemble shalbe, or by any Mayor, Bailif, or

other hed officer, of any Cytie, Borough, or Toune corporate, or by any other, by the commaundement of any suche Justice of Peace, Shirife, Mayor, Bailife, or other hed officer, to go with him or them, to suppresse the persones, vnlawfully assembled, in maner and forme aforesaid, that then euery persone so beyng able and required, do willingly and obstinately refuse so to do, shall suffre imprisonment of his body, for one yere without baile or mainprise, and make fine and raunsome, at the kinges will and pleasure.

Prouided alwayes, and it is enacted, by the aucthoritie aboue saide that if the kinge, shall by hys letters patentes make any Lieutenaunt, in any Countie or Counties, of this Realme, for the suppressyng of any Commotion Rebellion, or vnlawfull assemble: that then aswell all Justices of peace, of euery suche Countye, and the Shirifes, and Shirife of the same, as all Mayors, Baylifes, and other hed Officers, and al in habitauntes and subiectes, of any County, Citie, Borowgh, or Toune Corporate, within euery suche County, shall vppon thee declaration of the said Letters Patentes, and request made, be bounde to geue attendaunce, vpon thesame Lieutenaunt, to suppresse any commotion, rebellion, or vnlawfull assemble, oncelesse he or thei, being so required, haue any reasonable excuse, for his not attendaunce, vpon peyne of imprisonment for one whole yere.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaide that the Ordre and forme, of the Proclamatiõs, that shalbe made by the aucthoritie of this acte, shalbee as hereafter foloweth, or with the like ordre, and wordes in effect, that is to say: thee Justice or other persone, aucthoryzed by this Acte, to make the sayd Proclamacion, shal make or cause to be made an Oyes, and after that, shall openly pronounce, or cause too be pronounced these wordes, or like in effecte. ¶ The kyng our Souereigne lord, chargeth and commaundeth, all persones beyng assembled, immediately to disperse themselues, and peaceably to departe to their habitacions, or to their lawfull busines, vpon the peynes conteigned in the act, lately made against vnlawfull and rebellious Assembles. And GOD saue the kyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by thee aucthoritie aforesayde, that if any persone or persons, doo, or shall molest, let, hynder, or hurte, any persone, or personnes, that shall Proclayme, or go to Proclayme, accordyng to the Proclamation and ordre made in the Statute aforesayd, whereby, such Proclamacion shall not bee made: that then all and euery suche persone and persones, so molestyng, lettyng, hinderinge, or hurtyng, and all and euery suche persone & persones, offendor or offendors, too whome any suche Proclamation or Proclamations shoulde, or ought to be made, to the entente aforesaid, shal incurre, and be in like daunger, and suffre lyke peyne or peynes, and forfeitures as aforesaid, in euery of their degres, as though thee Proclamacyon had been made

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any clause, article, or sentence, heretofore in thys acte included, made to the contrary notwythstandyng. And be it enacted, by the authoritie aforesayde, that thys acte shalbe openly red, at euery quarter Sessions. SAVYNG to the Bishop of Duresme, and Bishop of Ely, & al other that haue Charter of the Countie Palentine, and to their successors, the pere, day, and waste, in suche sorte, as by thesayde Chartet they had, or might haue had thesame, yf thys acte had neuer been had ne made: this acte or any thyng therin conteigned, to the contrary notwithstandyng. SAVYNG also, to al & euery person and persons, and heires in tail, bodies politique and Corporate, their heires, successors, and executors and to euery of them, other then to suche person and persones onely, as shalbe attainted, conuicted, or outlawed for any of the forsayd offences, of Felonye or Treason, & their heires, or the heires of any of them, clayming by discent in fee simple, from them, or any of them, all suche right tytle, entre, interest, leasses, possession, rentes, condictons, profites, commodities, and aduauntages, as thei, or any of thē hath, or hereafter shal haue, or of right ought to haue, in, or to any Honors, Castles, Manoures, Landes, Tenementes, Woodes, Rentes, Reuercyōs, Seruices, or Hereditamētes whatsoeuer, or, in, or to any part or parcell therof, to be forfeited, for any of the offences aforesayde, as if suche attaindor or forfeyture, had neuer bene had ne made, any thing in thys acte to the contrary, in any wyse notwythstandynge. AND sauyng to all and euery body, & bodies politique & corporat, and their successors, their liberties and fraunchises, in suche maner & forme, as yf thys acte had neuer bene had ne made. This act to continue to the ende of the nexte Parliamēt.

¶ The.vi. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte concernyng the repeale of a braunche, of an Acte of Parliament, made in the last Session for buying of Tanned Lether

WHere at youre Maiesties Parliament, holden at Westminster, vpon Prorogacyon, the.xiiii. daye of Marche, in thys present thirde yere of youre moste victorious reygne emongest other thynges it was enacted, that no person occupiyng the feate or misterye, of Cotiar, Corde wayner, Sadler, Cobler, Girdeler, Letherseller, Bottelmaker, or any other Artificer, shoulde from, and after the feast of Myghelmas, the nexte folowynge, sell, or cause to be solde, or put to sale, anye Backes or Hides, of anye Englyshe kynde, of tanned Lether vnwrought, or in such kynd, as he shoulde buy thesame, (Calues skynnes onely excepted) vpon peyne of forfeytynge for euery Hide, Backe, or parcell of Lether, that he or they should so sell, contrary to thesayd statute, x. shyllinges. Sithe the making of which act, great and innumerable inconueniences hath, & hereafter is lyke to come therof. First, neither Girdler, Corde wainer,

Sadler,

Sadler, Malemaker, Bottelmaker, or any other artificer, vsing tanned lether in their art, is or shalbe able, at any tyme, at any instaunt, to serue the kinges maiestie, hys nobles, Lordes, & commons, either of Bootes, Shoes, Girdles, Saddles, Barehides, Males, Tofers, Pottes, or other thynges made of lether, for that the most part of thartificers aforsayd, been pooremen, not alwayes able to prouide store, of such sortes of lether, as should serue their turne, in makyng of such thynges, as is before mencioned, but must of necessitie, prouide such lether, one of theim of another, as euer heretofore, they haue accustomed to do, whiche now by force of the extremitie of thesaid acte, they may not do which is vnto the great hurt and hynderaunce, aswell of the kynges Maiestie, as of his nobles, lordes, and commons, for that thei and euery of them be driuen of necessitie, to buy their lether, of a fewe persones, which, been onely mere regrators of thesayd Lether, at great, high, and vnreasonable prices, to the great hurt of the common wealth, wherby thesayde artyficers been not able, to aforde thesayd wares made therof, so good chepe, as they haue done hertofore. And also, by reason of the forsaid restreint or bondage, of the forsayd artificers, from buying and sellyng of lether, there is no man sithe that tyme, willyng to sette, or put his or their chyldren to be prentice wyth any of the foresayd artificers: for that not onely they, and euery of theim, been brought in suche bondage, by reason of thesayd acte, but also by the meanes whereof, are neuer lyke to growe, to any necessary substaunce, neyther by thexercyse of their sayde handy craftes, to susteyn the necessities, of their old age wythal, and not onely that, but also in all cities, boroughes, corporat tounes, thereby they lose benefite and commoditie, of their Charter and Fredom. For reformacyon wherof, be it enacted, by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament that it shalbe lawful from hencefurth, to, and for euery of thesayd artyficers, or handy craftes menne, expressed, or named in the forsayde acte to buy and sell, all maner of tanned lether, corried, or not corried, so that such shalbe conuerted, by such buyer or buyers, vnto any kind of wares, or other thyngesmade of tanned lether, wythyn thys Realme of Englande, or other the kynges dominions, anye woordes, penalties, or forfaytures, comprysed or specefyed, in the aboue remembred act, to the contrary herof in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that thys present acte, shall endure but onely vnto the ende of the nexte Parliament.

¶ The. vij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte, for the repeale of a Statute, made in the xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Henry theyght touchyng the takyng of Wyldfoule, at certayne tymes of the yere

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WHere, in the.xxv. yere of the reigne, of youre Maiesties father, of most famous memorye, kynge Hēry theight, an act was made, conteynyng twoo braunches, whereof, the one was agaynst the takynge of Wyldfoule, betwene the last daye of Maye, and the last daye of August, with any Nettes, or engyns, vpon a peyn limited therupon, as in thesayde Statute, more largely doeth appere: forasmuche, as the occasion of thesayd braunches, appereth sithen to haue ryssen, but vpon a priuate case, and that no maner of common commoditie, is sithen perceyued, to be growen of thesame, beynge notably, by dayely experyence founde, and knowen that there is at this present, lesse plentie of foule, brought vnto the Markettes, then was before the makynge of thesayd Acte, whiche is taken to come of the punishement of GOD, whose benefyte was thereby taken awaye from the poore people, that were wōt to lyue by their skyll, in takyng of thesayde foule, whereby, they were wont at that tyme, to sustayne themselfes, wyth their poore housholdes to the great saufynge of other kyndes of Victuall, of the whyche ayde they are nowe destitute, to their greate and extreme impouerysshynge: Humbly beseechen youre grace, your maiesties true and faythfull Subiectes, especially such, as haue their places of habitacion nygh vnto the Fennes, that al that braunche, of thesayed acte, made in thesayde.xxv. yere of your graces sayed father of most noble memory touchyng the taking of Wildfoule, in maner as is abouesaid, may be frō hencefurthe by your Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame repealed, and vtterly voyde, and of none effecte, wyth all and euery artycle, sentence, matter, peynes and forfeytures, conteigned, or otherwyse mencyoned in thesayd braunche, as yf thesame acte had neuer been had ne made.

Prouyded, and be it enacted by the auctheritie abouesaid, that one other braunche, conteigned in thesayd acte, concernyng suche persones, as shall presume by daye, or nyght wyllyngly to withdrawe, purloyne, take, destroy, or conueigh, any maner of Egges, of any kynde of wyld foule, from, or in any Nest, place or places, where they shall chaunce to bee layed, by any kynde of Wyldfoule, with euery Artycle, Sentence, Matter, paines, Forfeitures, and Prouisions, conteigned, or mencioned in this sayd last braunche, shall stande in full strengthe, and effecte, to all purposes, intentes and construccyons, as yf this present acte had neuer been had or made.

¶ The.viii. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte, for the continuaunce of the Statute of Sewers.

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Wherein the Parliament holden at Westminster, by Prorogacion the.xv.day of January, in the.xxiii. yere of the moste victorious reigne of oure late Souereigne Lorde King Henry theyght, emong other thinges, one general acte, concernynge Commissions of Sewers, to be directed into all partes, within this Realme, was enacted and made to contynue and endure for twentye yeres, then next folowynge, as by thesame act more at large it dooeth and maye appere. And forasmuche as thesame Acte is thought good and beneficiall for the Common wealthe of thys Realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeigned, by the Kyng oure Souereygne Lorde, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaid Acte, and all clauses, articles and prouisions, in thesame cōteigned, shal continue and endure in their force and strēgth, and to be obserued and kept for euer, in such maner & forme, as shall and maye stand wyth the sequell and addicions, hereafter mencyoned.

And be it further enacted and established by thaucthoritie aforesaid that all skottes, lottes, and sommes of money hereafter to be rated and taxed, by vertue of suche commission of Sewers, vpon any of ye landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, of our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires or successors, for any maner of thing or thinges, concerning the articles, of thesayd commission of Sewers, shalbe gathered and leuied, by distresse or otherwyse, in lyke maner and forme, as shal or may be done in the landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, of any other persone or persones: And that all Billes of Acquitaunce, signed with the hande or handes of suche collector or receiuor, as shal haue the collection therof by the appoynemēt of thesayd commissioners, or.vi.of thē, shalbe aswel a sufficient discharge, to the Tenauntes, Fermors, and occupiers of the same groūdes, so to be charged, for thesaid some, wherwith their groūdes shalbe so charged, as also a sufficient warrant to all and euerye the Receyuors, Auditors, & other whatsoeuer Officer or Officers, of oure sayd souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires and successors, for the allowaunce to suche Tenaunt, Fermor or Occupyer for thesame, addyng moreouer vnto thys Acte, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, ye such and lyke Fees, and none other, nor more, shalbe at any tyme payed or demaunded, for any Commission, or Commissions, or wrytes of *dedimus potestatem*, hereafter to be sued out, or obteygned vnder the Seale of the Duchy, but only suche and lyke Fees as been mencioned in thesayd former act, to be payd in the Chauncerye, for Commissions and wrytes of *dedimus potestatem*, to be obteygned frō thesame Court of Chauncerie, addyng moreouer therunto by thaucthoritie abouesaid, that euery cōmission and cōmissions, herafter to be awarded for Sewers, shal continue

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and endure for terme of .v. yeres, next after the *sess* of suche commission onles thesame commission and commissions, shalbe otherwyse discharged, within thesame by *supersedeas*, any thinge or thinges mencioned, or conteyned in thesayd former act, contrary to the addicions before mencioned or any of theim, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ The .ix. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for bieng of rawe hydes and Calues skynnes.

For asmuche as lether is growen to an unreasonable price, whereby the kynges subiectes are not able at this daye to prouide them selfes; suche necessaries thereof made, as shoes, and boates, and suche like, at anye reasonable pryce, as they heretofore haue done to the better empouerishmente of diuers the kinges louyng & obedient subiectes: which sayed unreasonable prices of Lether doth only growe and ryse by reason of the unsaciable desire of diuers & sundry persones being no Tanners, which daily in euery market and other place buy and regrate grene hides, in the heere and out of the heere to their handes, to the intent to sell thesame to their owne lucre and gayne: Be it therfore enacted, by the kyng our souereygne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled and by thauthortie of thesame, that no persone or persones within this realme, shal from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady next commyng, buy or cause to be bought any Calue skynnes or hydes in the hear, or out of the heare, to the intent to sel agayn thesame untanned, except only suche person and persons, as wyl tanne or tawe thesame, upon payne to forfayte for euery skinne or hide so bought, to thintent to sel agayne, as aforsaide. vj. s. viij. d. The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be unto our souereygne lord the kyng. The other half to him or them that wyll sue for thesame, in any of the kynges Courtes, by Byl, Playnt, or other lawfull proces wherein no proteccion or wager of Lawe, nor yet anye Essoyne to the partie defendaunt shalbe allowed or admitted.

¶ The .x. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the abholyshing and puttyng away of diuerse bookes and Images.

Where the kynges moste excellent maiestie hath of late set forth and establyshed by auctthoritie of parliament, an uniforme quiet and godly ordre of common and open prayer, in a booke intitled, *The booke of common prayer, and administration of the sacramentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies, after the church of Englande*, to be used & obserued in thesaid Church

Wherein the Parliament holden at Westminster, by Prorogacion the.xv.day of January, in the.xxiii. yere of the moste victorious reigne of oure late Souereigne Lorde King Henry theyght, emong other thinges, one general acte, concernynge Commissions of Sewers, to be directed into all partes, within this Realme, was enacted and made to contynue and endure for twentye yeres, then next folowynge, as by thesame act more at large it dooeth and maye appere. And forasmuche as thesame Acte is thought good and beneficiall for the Common wealthe of thys Realme: Be it therfore enacted and ordeigned, by the Kyng oure Souereygne Lorde, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame, that thesaid Acte, and all clauses, articles and prouisions, in thesame cōteigned, shal continue and endure in their force and strēgth, and to be obserued and kept for euer, in such maner & forme, as shall and maye stand wyth the sequell and addicions, hereafter mencyoned.

And be it further enacted and establyshed by thaucthoritie aforesaid that all skottes, lottes, and sommes of money hereafter to be rated and taxed, by vertue of suche commission of Sewers, vpon any of ye landes, tenementes or hereditamētes, of our souereigne lord the kyng, his heires or successors, for any maner of thing or thinges, concerning the articles, of thesayd commission of Sewers, shalbe gathered and leuied, by distresse or otherwyse, in lyke maner and forme, as shal or may be done in the landes, tenementes, & hereditamentes, of any other persone or persones: And that all Billes of Acquitaunce, signed with the hande or handes of suche collector or receiuor, as shal haue the collection therof by the appoyntmēt of thesayd commissioners, or.vi.of thē, shalbe aswel a sufficient discharge, to the Tenauntes, Fermors, and occupiers of the same groūdes, so to be charged, for thesaid some, wherwith their groūdes shalbe so charged, as also a sufficient warrant to all and euerye the Receyuors, Auditors, & other whatsoeuer Officer or Officers, of oure sayd souereigne Lorde the kyng, his heires and successors, for the allowaunce to suche Tenaunt, Fermor or Occupyer for thesame, addyng moreouer vnto thys Acte, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, ye such and lyke Fees, and none other, nor more, shalbe at any tyme payed or demaunded, for any Commission, or Commissions, or wrytes of *dedimus potestatem*, hereafter to be sued out, or obteygned vnder the Seale of the Duchy, but only suche and lyke Fees as been mencioned in thesayd former act, to be payd in the Chauncerye, for Commissions and wrytes of *dedimus potestatem*, to be obteygned frō thesame Court of Chauncerie, addyng moreouer therunto by thaucthoritie abouesaid, that euery cōmission and cōmissions, herafter to be awarded for Sewers, shal continue

and

and endure for terme of .v. yeres, next after the ende of suche commission onles the same commission and commissions, shalbe otherwyse discharged, within the same by *supersedeas*, any thinge or thinges mencioned, or conteyned in the sayd former act, contrary to the additions before mencioned or any of them, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶ The.ix. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for bieng of calue hydes and Calues skynnes.

For asmuche as lether is growen to an vnreasonable price, whereby the kynges subiectes are not able at this daye to prouide them selfes, suche necessaries thereof made, as shoes, and boates, and suche like, at anye reasonable price, as they heretofore haue done to the bitter empouerishmente of diuers the kinges louyng & obedient subiectes: which sayed vnreasonable prices of Lether doth only growe and ryse by reason of the vnsaciable desire of diuers & sundry persones beyng no Tanners, which daily in euery market and other place buy and regrate grene hides, in the heere and out of the heere to their handes, to the intente to sell the same to their owne lucre and gayne: Be it therfore enacted, by the kyng our souereygne lorde, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled and by thauthoritie of the same, that no persone or persones within this realme, shal from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady nexte comming, buy or cause to be bought any Calue skynnes or hydes in the hear, or out of the heare, to the intent to sel agayn the same vntanned, except only suche person and persons, as wyl tanne or tawe the same, vpon payne to forfayte for euery skinne or hide so bought, to thintent to sel agayne, as aforsaide. vj.s. viij.d. The one halfe of whiche forfayture to be vnto our souereygne lord the kyng. The other half to him or them that wyll sue for the same, in any of the kynges Courtes, by Byl, Playnt, or other lawfull proces wherein no protection or wager of Lawe, nor yet anye Essoyne to the partie defendaunt shalbe allowed or admitted.

¶ The.x. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the abholyshing and puttyng away of diuerse bookes and Images.

Where the kynges moste excellent maiestie hath of late set forth and establyshed by auctheritie of parliament, an vniforme quiet and godly ordre of common and open prayer, in a booke intitled, *The booke of common prayer, and administration of the sacramentes, and other Rites and Ceremonies, after the vse of the Church of England*, to be vsed & obserued in the said Church

of England, agreable to thordre of the primatiue Churche, much more cõfortable vnto his louing subiectes, then other diuersitie of Seruice as heretofore of long time hath bene vsed, beyng in the said boke ordeined nothing to be tedde, but the very pure worde of God, or whiche is euidently grounded vpon the same, & in the other thinges corrupt, vntrue, vayne, & superstitious, and as it were a preparacion to superstitiõ, whych for that they be not called in, but permitted to remayne vndefaced, do not only geue occasion to such peruerse persons, as do impugne the ordre and godlye meanynge of the kynges sayed booke of common prayer, to cõtinue in their olde accustomed superstitious seruice, but also minister great occasion to diuersitie of opinions, Rytes, Ceremonies and Seruices: Be it therfore enacted, by the kinge oure souereigne lorde, the lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliamente assembled, that all bookes called Antiphoners, Missales, Grailes, Processionalles, Manuelles, Legẽdes, Pies, Portuasses, Primers, in Latyn or Englysh, Couchers, Journalles, Ordinalles, or other bookes or writynges, whatsoeuer heretofore vsed for Seruice of the churche, wryten or prynted in the Englysh or Latin tõgue, other then such as are or shalbe set furth by the kynges Maiestie, shalbe by authoritie of this present acte, clearelye and vtterly abholyshed, extynguyshed, and forbidded for euer to bee vsed or kepte in thys realme, or elswhere within any the kynges dominions.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf anye persone or persones, of what estate, degre or condicion soeuer he, she or they bee, body politique or corporate that nowe haue or hereafter shall haue in his, her or their custody, any the bookes or writinges of the sortes aforsayd, or any Images of Stone, Tymber, Alebaster, or earthe, grauen, Carued or Painted, whyche heretofore haue bene taken oute of any Churche or Chappel, or yet stande in any Churche or Chappell, and do not before the last day of June next ensuyng, deface and destroy or cause to bee defaced and destroyed, the same Images, and euerye of them, and delyuer or cause to be deliuered, all and euery the same bookes to the Maior, Bailiefe, Constable, or Churchewardens of the Towne, where suche bookes then shalbee, to bee by them delyuered ouer openlye wythin three Monethes nexte folowynge, after the sayde delyuerye, to the Archebyshoppe, Byshoppe, Chauncellour, or Commissarie of the same dioces, to the intente the sayde Archebyshop, Byshop, Chauncellour, or Commissarie, and euery of them cause them Immediatly, eyther to be openly brent, or otherwaies defaced and destroyed, shall for euery suche booke or bookes, wyllyngly reteyned in his, her or their handes or custody, wythin this Realme, or elles where wythin any the kynges dominions, and not deliuered as is aforesayd after the sayd last day of June, and be thereof lawfully conuicte, forfayt and lose to the kynge oure Soueregne lorde, for the firste offence, x.

shillings, and for the second offence shall forfaite and lose beyng thereof lawfully conuict, foure poundes. And for the thirde offence, shall suffre imprisonment at the kynges wyll.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayd, that yf anye Maiors, Bailifes, Constables, or churchwardens, do not wythin thre monethes after the receipt of thesame bookes, delyuer or cause to bee deliuered, suche bookes so by theim receiued, to the Archebyshop, Byshop, Chauncellour, or Commissarie of their diuces: And yf thesaid Archebyshop, Byshoppes, Chauncellour, or Commissaries, do not wythin fourtie daies after the receipte of suche bookes, burne, deface and destroye, or cause to be burned, defaced or destroyed thesame bookes, and euery of theim, that then they and euery of them so offendyng, shal lose and forfayte to our souereygne lord the kyng, beyng therfore lawfully conuict, fourtie poundes: The one halfe of al suche forfaytures, shalbee to anye of the kynges Subiectes, that wyll sue for thesame, in anye of the kynges courtes of record, by Byl, Playnt, accion of debte, or informacion, in which accion no Essoyne, Protection, wager of law, or other delay shalbe allowed.

And for better execution of thesame acte, bee it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that aswel Justices of Assise in their circuities, as Justices of peace, within the limittes of their Commission in the generall sessions, shall haue ful power and aucthoritie, to enquire of the offences aforsayd, and to heare and determine thesame in suche fourme as they may do in other such lyke cases.

Prouyded alwayes, that this acte or any thynge therein conteyned shall not extend to any Image or picture, set or grauen vpon anye tõbe in anye churche, chapel, or churchyarde, onely for a monument of anye kyng, Prynce, Noble man, or other dead persone, which hath not bene cõmonly reputed and taken for a saincte, but that al suche pictures, and Images may stand and continue in lyke maner and fourme, as yf thys acte had neuer bene had nor made, any thyng in this act, to the contrary in any wyse notwythstandyng.

Prouided alwaye and be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforsaide, that any persone or persones, maye vse, kepe, haue and reteygne, any Prymers, in the Englyshe or Latin tounge, set furth by the late kynge of famous memory king Henry the eight, so that the sentences of inuocacion or prayer to saynctes, in thesame Prymers, bee blotted or clerelye put out of thesame, any thynge in thys acte, to the contrarye notwythstandyng.

¶ The. xi. Chapiter.

¶ An acte that the kynges Maiestie may nominate and appoynte. xxxij. persones, to perule and make Ecclesiasticall lawes.

ALbe it the kynges moſte excellent maieſtie gouernour and ruler vnder God of thys Realme, oughte moſt iuſtly to haue the gouernemēt of hys ſubiectes & the determinacion of their cauſes, aſwell eccleſiaſticall as tempozal, yet theſame as concernynge eccleſiaſtical cauſes hauing not of longe time bene put in vze noz exercyſed, by the reaſon of the vſurped aucthozitie of the byſhop of Rome, be not perfectlye vnderſtand noz knowen of his ſubiectes, and therfoze of neceſſity aſwel foz the abholyſhinge and putting to vtter obliuion, theſaid vſurped aucthozitie, as foz the neceſſary adminiſtracio of iuſtice, to his louyng ſubiectes: It may pleaſe his hyghnes, that it may be enacted by his moſte gracious aſſent, wyth the aſſent of the Lozdes Spirytuall and Tempozal, and the commons of this preſent parliamente aſſembled, and by thaucthozitie of theſame, that the kinges maieſtie, ſhal from henceforth during, thze yeres, haue ful power, aucthozitie and libertie, to nominat and aſſigne by the aduyſe of his hyghnes counſayl, fyxtene perſones of the clergie, wherof foure to be biſhoppes, and fyxtene perſons of ỹ tempozaltie, wherof four to be learned in the common lawes of thys Realme, to peruſe and examine the eccleſiaſticall lawes of longe tyme here vſed. And to gather, ozder and compyle ſuche lawes eccleſiaſticall, as ſhalbe thought to his Maieſtie, his ſayed Counſayll, and them oz the moze part of them, conuenient to be vſed, practyſed, and ſet forth wyth in this his Realme, and other his dominions, in all Spirituall oz Eccleſiaſticall Courtes and conuencions. And yf after ſuche nominacion any of the perſones ſo to be nominated, happen to dye, that then hys hyghnes by the aduyce of his ſayed Counſail, duryng theſayd thze yeres, ſhall haue full power and aucthozitie, from tyme to tyme to nompnate and aſſigne other in their places to ſupply theſayd nomber of two and thirty perſones. And that theſayd two and thirtie perſones ſo nominate, as is afozſayd, at al tymes from time to tyme duryng theſayde thze yeres, ſhal haue ful power and aucthozitie to aſſemble them ſelfes by hys hyghnes commaundement, foz the perfit collection, compplyng and ozderyng of theſayd lawes. And be it alſo enacted by the aucthozitie afozſayde, that ſuche lawes Eccleſiaſtical ſo compiled, gathered and ozdered by theſayde twoo and thirtie perſones, oz the moze nombze of them, and ſeth forthe, publyſhed and declared by the kynges maieſties proclamacion, wyth theſayd aduyſe vnder hys hyghnes great Seale ſhall by vertue of thys preſent act, be only taken, reputed, practyſed and put in vze foz the kinges eccleſiaſticall lawes of this Realme, and no other, any lawe, ſtatute, vſage oz preſcripcion, to the contrarye thereof notwythſtandyng.

Prouyded alwayes, and it is ozdeyned and enacted by the aucthozitie afozſayed, that no maner of perſone oz perſones, ſhall at any tyme

hereafter incurre, or be in any contempt, payne, forfayture or losse, or in daunger of any action, or suite of premunire, by meane or occasion of executyng or puttyng in Exercyse of any lawes or matter, whiche shalbe deuised by thesayd twoo and thirtye, or the more part of them, and set forth by Proclamacyon vnder the great Seale of England, or for holdynge of any maner of Plee, or makyng of anye Proces, touchynge or concernyng any suche lawes or matter, anye estatute, lawe or Custome to the contrary in any wyse notwythstandyng.

Prouided also and bee it enacted by the aucthoritie abouesayde, that all and euery ecclesiastical iudge and minister, that shall execute, any thing, by vertue of any such lawes, so to be set furth, as is abouesaid shall from tyme to tyme obey the kynges writ and writes, of prohibicion of attachement, vppon prohibicion and Indicauit, and not to procede contrary to the tenour of such writ or writes, in such and thesame manour, fourme, and condicion as they haue or ought to haue done before the makyng of this act, any thynge in thys acte to the contrary in any wyse notwythstandyng.

Prouyded alwaies and be it enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thyng therin conteyned, shall not extende, or bee interpretated, to geue any aucthoritie to thesaid two and thirty persones, or to the more nomber of them, or to the kynges hyghnes, for to compyle, stablyshe, publyshe or set furth, anye ecclesiasticall lawe repugnant or contraay to any common lawe or Statute of this realme, any thyng in this acte to the contrary notwythstandynge.

¶ The. xii. Chapiter.
¶ An Acte for the orderyng of Ecclesiasticall Ministers.

Forasmuche as concord and vnitie to bee had wythin the kynges Maiesties Dominions, it is requisite to haue one vniforme fashion and maner, for making and consecratynge of Bysshoppes, Priestes, Deacons or Ministers of the Churche: Bee it therefore enacted, by the kynges hyghnes, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the cõmons in thys present Parliament assembled, & by the aucthoritie of ỹ same ỹ such forme & maner of makyng, & consecrating, of Archebishops Bysshoppes, Priestes, Deacons, and other Ministres of the Churche as by syx Prelates, and six other men of this realme, learned in Gods lawe, by the kynges Maiestie, to bee appoynted and assygned, or by the most nombre of them shalbe deuysed for that purpose, and set furth vnder the greate Seale of Englande, before the firste daye of Aprill nexte commynge, shall by vertue of thys present acte, be lawfullye exercysed and vsed, and none other: anye Estatute, lawe or vsage to the

contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

¶The. xiij. Chapiter.

¶An act, for the restitucion in bloud, of Sir William Sharyngton knyght.

WHere, sir William Sharyngton knyght, aswell by the Course of the Common lawe of thys Realme of Englande, as by Act of Parliamente, was lately attaynted of hygh Treason, and other offences, by reason whereof, he is deprined, and disabled in bloude and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye suche Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, as shoulde or myght come, dyscende, remayne, or reuert to him, from any his lineall or collateral auncetor or auncetors, to whome, he shoulde or myght be heire in bloude. And where our souereygne Lorde the kynge, that nowe is, of hys haboundaunt clemencie, pitie, charitie, especiall grace and mere mocion, and by thaduyse of his honorable counsayll, by hys graces letters Patentes, vnder hys greate Seale of Englande, bearynge date at Westmynster the fyfth daye of Nouember, in the third yere of his reygne, hath pardoned remitted, and releassed, vnto thesaid sir Willyam Sharyngton, by the name of William Sharyngton, late of London knight otherwyse called, Wyllyam Sharyngton of London knyght, otherwyse called, Wyllyam Sharyngton knyghte, otherwyse called Wyllyam Sharyngton of Laycoke, in the Countye of Wylteshyre knyght, or by what other name, or surname, or addicion of name, or surname, he were knowen or called, all hyghe Treasons and offences, committed and done by hym, before thesayde fyfth daye of Nouember as by thesame letters patentes of pardon, more playnelye appeareth. Oure sayde Souereygne Lorde the kynge, at the humble petycyon and sute of thesayde Sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, is pleased, and contented, that it bee enacted, and establyshed by his hyghnes, wyth the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of thesame that thesayde Sir Wyllyam Sharyngton, shalbe clerelye Pardoned, acquited, released, and discharged, of all and synguler Treasons, and other offences, mencioned, or expressed, in the sayde Attaindoure, or attayndours, or Acte of Parlyamente, or anye of theim, or whereof thesame Sir William was attaynted, or conuycted before thesayde fyft daye of Nouember, in thesayde thirde yere of the reygne of oure souereygne Lorde the kynge that nowe is, and of all Judgementes, Emprysonmentes, Paynes of deathe, and other Paynes, and Penalties, whyche by reason thereof Sir Willyam Sharyngton, shoulde or might in any wyse incurre, haue, suffre, or sustayne. And that thesame

same Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, and hys Heyres, from henceforth may and shall by authoritye of thys present Acte, bee restored and enhabled in bloud, and name to sue and be sewed, Impleade, and bee Impleaded, and to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye, all and synguler suche Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, wyth theyr appurtenaunces, whatsoeuer remayne, whyche at anye tyme hereafter shall Dyscende, Come or Reuerte, from any lyneall or collaterall Auncetour, or Auncetours, of thesayed Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, as Heyre or heyres, to thesame Auncetour, or Auncetours in suche maner and fourme as yf thesayed Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, had neuer bene attaynted. And that thesayde Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, and all and synguler the Chyldren and yssues of the bodye of thesayed Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, and all and euerye other Persone, and Persones, beynge of thole bloude to thesaied Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, may and by auctoritie of this present Act, shalbe from henceforth restored, and enhabled in bloude and name, to demaunde, aske, haue, and enioye, all and synguler suche manours Landes, Tenementes, and Heredytamentes, wyth theyr appurtenaunces, whatsoeuer they bee, whyche at any tyme hereafter shal Discende, Reuert, Remayne, come or growe to thesaied Sir Willã Sharyngton, or hys Heyres by Discent, Purchace, Gyfte, or otherwyse, in suche thesame and lyke maner, fourme and condycyon to all ententes, constructyons, and purposes, as yf thesayed Syr Willyam Sharyngton, had neuer bene attaynted. And that thesame Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, hys Executours and Admynystratours, shall and may in his or theyr owne Name and Names, Sue, Aske, and Demaunde, all suche Debtes, Couenauntes, and other thynges, to thesayed Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton Growen, Dew, had or made, by or vppon any wrytyng, Specialtie, or Recorde, at any tyme before thesayed Attayndour or Attayndours, whyche the Kynges hyghnes hath or shal by his Letters, Patẽtes, or otherwise Geue, Graunt, Appoint, or Assygne, to thesayed Syr Wyllam Sharyngton, and the Money and other profitte thereof comming, to Conuert, haue and retayne to the vse of thesayed Syr Wyllyam Sharyngton, hys Executours, or administratours, in such thesame & in like maner, fourme & condicion, to al intentes, constructions & purposes, as if thesaid sir Willyã Sharyngtõ, should or might haue done yf he had neuer ben attaynted.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aboue said, that thesaid sir Willyam Sharyngton, shal haue & enioye all suche fredomes, liberties, fraunchises, & priuileges within the City of London, & els where, aswel within the realme of England, as without, as he had, & enioyed, before thesaied attaindour or attaindours, in suche sorte, fourme and condicyon as he had and enioyed, or of ryght ought or myght haue had, or enioyed thesame, yf thesayed Attayndour or Attayndours,

or any of them had not been had nor made, any forfayture, iudgement, lawe, statute, vsage, custome, priuilege, or other thinges to the cõtrary notwythstandyng.

¶ The. xiiij. Chapiter.

¶ An acte for the restitucion in bloud of Mary Seymour, Daughter to Sir Thomas Seymour knyght, lorde Seymour of Sudley, late Admirall of Englande.

IN moste humble wyse sheweth vnto youre hyghnes, your faythfull subiect, Mary Seymour, daughter of sir Thomas Seymour, knyght, late lorde Seymour of Sudley, and late high Admiral of England, begotten of the bodye of Quene Katheryne late Quene of England, and late wyfe to thesaid Thomas lord Seimour, & before that wyfe to your moste noble father of most famous memory kyng Hẽry theight. That wher as thesaid Thomas lord Seimour by aucthoritie of your highnes court of parliamẽt, holden at Westminster, in the second yere of youre moste noble reygne, was iustly attaynted of high treason, and by reason thereof youre sayd subiecte standeth and is a persone in her bloude and lynage corrupted: It may please your hyghnes, of your most noble and habundaũt grace that it may be at the humble peticion of youre sayde subiect ordeyned, establysshed and enacted, by your hyghnes, wyth thassent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and of the commons in this present Parliamẽt assembled, and by auctho[r]itie of thesame, that youre sayde subiecte and an her heires maye be and shalbee, by auctho[r]itie of this acte, restored and enhabled only in bloude, as doughter & heire & heires, to thesayde Thomas lord Seymour. And that your sayed subiect and her heires, from hencefo[r]th may & shalbe enhabled to demaunde, aske, haue, holde, and enioye, al & euery such honors, castels, manours, lordshippes, hundredes, franchises, liberties, priuileges, aduoulsons, nominacions, presentacions, knightes fees, landes tenemẽtes, rentes, reuersions, seruices, remainders, porcions, annuities, pencions, rygtes, and all maner of hereditamentes, with their appurtenaũces, which at any tyme hereafter shall come, remayne, discend or reuert, from any collaterall auncestour of yoursayd subiect, other then suche castels, manours, landes, tenementes, rẽtes, reuercions, seruices, remainders, porcions, annuities, pencions, rightes, and all maner of hereditamentes, wyth theyr appurtenaunces, whiche were of thesaid Thomas lord Seymour her father in possession, reuercion, remaynder, or otherwyse the daye of the attaindour of thesayd Thomas lord Seymour, or at any tyme after y treason by hym cõmitted or done: And other then suche honors, castels, manours, landes, tenemẽtes, and other hereditamẽtes, as youre hyghnes was or is intitled to haue or myghte or oughte to haue vpon anye

Office, founde or to be founde, by force of thesaied, Attaindour in such thesame and like maner, fourme and condicion, to al intentes, constructions and purposes, as yf thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour father to your saied subiect, had neuer bene attainted, and as though no such attaindour of thesaid Thomas lorde Seymour had euer ben had or made. And that youre saied Subiect & her heyres, may here after vse and haue any Accyon or Suyte, and make her pedegree and conueiaunce in bloude as heire, alwell to and from her saied father, as also to any other persone, or persones, in like maner, fourme and degree to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, as if thesaied Thomas lord Seymour, had neuer bene attainted, and as if no suche attaindor were or had bene had, the corruption of bloud betwene thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, and your subiect, and her heires, or any acte of parliament, or Judgement, concernyng the attaindour of thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, or any other thing, wherby the bloud of thesaied Thomas lord Seymour, is or should be corrupted to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

Prouided al waies & be it enacted, by thauthoritie afore saied, that this present acte or any thing therein conteined, extende not to restore or entitle your saied Subiecte, or any of her heires to any suche Honours, Castels, Lordshippes, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other Hereditamentes, whiche your highnes now hath or had, or is, might, or ought to bee, intitled to haue, by reason of any Attaindour or Attayndors, of thesayed Thomas lorde Seymour, nor shall extende to any Honours, Castels, Lordshyppes, Manours, Landes, Tenemētes, Rentes, Reuersions, Seruices, or other Hereditamentes late of thesaied Thomas lorde Seymour, whyche your hyghnes hath heretofore geuen, demised, exchaunged or graunted, to any persone or persones, in fee symple, fee tayle, or for terme of lyfe, liues, or yeres, or at wyll: But that all such Honours, Castels, Lordshyppes, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Reuercions, Seruices, and Heredytamentes, whyche your hyghnes hath geuen, demysed, exchaunged, or graunted, as is aforesaied, shall stand, remaine, abyde, and continue in thesame estate, force, degree, and condicion, to all intentes, constructyons and purposes, as they and euery of them, were before the makyng of this acte, and as though this acte had neuer bene had nor made. Sauyng to al and euery other persoone and persones, bodies politique or corporate, their heyres and successors, and to the heires & successors of euery of them, all such estate, possessiō, right, title, interest, reuersion, remaynder, leale and leales, clayme, condicyon, commons, and all other profyttes and cōmodities, as they haue or ought to haue, out, in or to the premisses, or any parte or parcell thereof, as though this act had neuer ben had ne made. And your said subiect shal daily pray to God for your most noble grace in honor long to continue.

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¶ The.xv. Chapiter.

¶ An acte agaynst fonde and Phantasticall Prophecyes

Where now of late Sithens the prorogacion of the last session of this present parliament, dyuers euyl disposed persones, mynding to stirre and moue sedicion, disobedyence & rebellion, haue of theyr peruerse myndes, feined, ymagyned, inuented, publyshed and practysed, dyuers phantasticall and fonde prophecyes, concernyng the kynges maiestie & diuers honorable persones, Gentlemen, and Commons, of this realme, to the great disturbaunce & peryll of the Kynges maiestie & thys his realme: For remedy therof, be it ordeined & enacted by the kyng oure souereygne lord, with thassent of the lordes spirituall & temporal, & of the cōmons in thys present parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that yf any persone or persons, after ẏ first day of February next cōming, do set forth in wrytyng, printing, singing speakyng, and publyshe or otherwyse declare, to any person or persons, any phantasticall or false prophecye, vpon occasion of any armes, fyeldes, beastes, foules, Badges and suche other like thinges, accustomed in Armes, Cognisaunces, or Signetes, or by reason of any time, yere or daye, name, Bloudshed or warre, to the intent thereby to make any rebellion, insurreccion, dissencion, losse of lyfe or other disturbaunce, wythin this realme, or other the kynges dominions: That then euery suche person, therof beyng lawfully indicted, and conuicted, according to the due course of the lawes, for euery such offence shal suffre imprysonmēt of hys body, by the space of one yere, wythout bayle or maynpryse and shal forfayte for euery suche offence the somme of ten poundes.

And yf any such offendour do after such conuiction eftsones offende in any of the premisses, and be therof lawfully indicted, and conuicted, by the due course of the lawes, that then euery suche offendoure, shall for his second offence and conuiction, as is abouesayd, suffre imprisonment of his body, wythout bayle or maynpryse duryng his life, and shal forfayt all his goodes, and cattalles, reals & personals, the moyties of euery whyche forfaytures shalbe to the king, & the other moities therof to hym, that shal or wyl sue for thesame in any of the kynges courtes of record, by accion, byll, playnt or informacion, in whiche case no essoine wager of lawe or proteccion, shalbe allowed or admitted.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Justice of Assise, Justice of Oyer and determiner, iustice of peace shal haue ful power and aucthoritie by vertue hereof, to enquire, heare, and determine al and euery offence, or offences abouesayd, committed, or done wythin the limittes of their commission, contrary to the tenour and meanyng of this acte.

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Prouyded always and be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforsaid, that no persone nor persones, shall at any tyme herafter be empeched, for any offence hereafter to be committed or done, contrarye to thys Acte, onlesse he be therefore empeched, or accused, wythin six monethes next ensuyng any such offence, by him or them committed to be done. And this acte to endure to the ende of the next parliament.

¶ The. xvi. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte touchyng the punishment of Vacabondes and other ydle persones.

For asmuch as it is notoriously sene & knowen, that vacabonnes and beggars do dayly encreace within this the kynges highnes realme into very great nõbres, chiefly by occasion of Idelnes, mother and rote of al vices, wherby do ensue continual theftes, murders, conspiracies and other sondry heynous offences, and partelye for that the good and holsome lawes & statutes of this realme, hath not ben put in due execucion, & partely also, by reason of the multitude of thesame (thextremitie of somme wherof, haue ben occasion that thei haue not bene put in vre) Therfore and for diuers good consideraciõs it is enacted by the kynge our soueraigne lord, wyth the assent of the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of thesame, that the statute made in the first yere of the kynges highnes, moste noble reygne, concernyng Idle persones and vacabondes in certayn cases, to be made slaues and so forth, and al and euery, article, matter, prouiso, braunche and sentence therein conteyned, shalbe from henceforth vtterly repealed, made frustrate, voyde and of none effecte.

And that the statute concernynge how aged and impotent persons shouldredb orfredor their better Reliefe, and howe Vacabondes and strong beggars shoulde bee punished, made in the. xxij. yere of the late kyng of moost famous memory kyng Henry the eyght, and euery matter, article, prouyso, braunche and sentence therein conteyned, to be frõ henceforth reuyued, made good and stande in full strength and vertue and shall continue and remayne a perfect Acte of parliament for euer.

And be it therfore enacted by thaucthoritie aforsayed, that all Justices of peace and euery of them within the limittes of their cõmission, and the Maiors, Shriefes, Bayliefes, and other officers within their seuerall Rules and offices, shall wythin their seueral limittes assemble together, and make their seueral diuision, accordyng to the purport & effecte of this acte, at the next general quarter sessions of the peace to be holden after the feast of Easter next to come, for the due spedy and dylygent execucion of thesame acte. And that yf any suche aged or impotent

potent persone after the feast of Easter next to come, shall offende contrary to thys Estatute, that then thesayde Offendour shalbe sled and punished, as in thesame Estatute of the. xxij. of kyng Henry theight, is prouided. And that before the feast of Easter no punyshment shalbe put in execution against any suche Impotent, Lame, and aged person, but onely by the discrecion of the nexte iustice of peace of thesame Shiere, where suche offendour shalbe apprehended, any thinge in thesayd acte to the contary notwythstandynge.

And for the auoyding of the Idle loyteryng of common labourers of husbandrie, within this realme: Be it enacted by thauctho*r*itie afore sayd, that suche common labourers being persons able in bodye, slinge loyteringe, and refusinge to worke, for suche reasonable wages, as is most commenly geuen in the parties, where such persons shalll dwell, shalbe for euery such tymes as he or they refuse to labour, hauing reasonable wages as is afore sayde, adiudged vacabondes, and shalbe punyshed as strong and mighty vacabondes in suche maner and fourme, as is declared in thesaid act of. xxij. against vacabondes. And touching maymed, lamed and sore, aged and impotent persons, which resorteth to the citie of London, and to other Cities, Townes and Uyllages on beggyng: Be it enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforsayd, that al and synguler Maiors, Shrieues, Baylyefes, Constables, or other heade Officers of any Citie, Toune or Uillage, to which suche resorte is or shalbe, shall before the feast of the Purificacion of our Lady next folowynge, see all suche Idle, impotent, maymed and aged persones, who otherwyse cannot by their discrecions bee taken for vacabondes, whyche were borne within thesayd Citie, Towne or Uillage, or hath bene their moste conuersaunt and abidinge by the space of thre yeres, and now decayed, bestowed and prouided for of the tenauntries, Cotages, or other cõueniẽt houses, to be lodged in, at the Costes and Charges of thesayd Cities, Townes, Boroughes and Uillages, there to be relieued, and cured by the deuocion of good people, of thesayde Citie, Boroughe, Toune, or Uyliage, and that they do not suffre after the time before reherced, any other then suche as eyther were borne, or hath bene for the moste part conuersaunt, or abyding by the space of thre yeres, as is aforesayde in thesayed Citie, Boroughe, Toune or Uillage, to remayne and begge abroade within the precinctes of suche Cities, Townes, Uillages, or Boroughes. Except it be suche as haue letters, or are authorised, or licenced by force of this act vpõ paine that euery suche Maiors, shrieues and Bailieues, Cõstable, or other hed officer by what name soeuer he be called, sufferyng any person to begge within the precinct of his or their such Iurisdiction, other then is before rehersed, for euery three dayes, shall forfayte ten shyllynges, to whome soeuer will sue therefore, by byll, Informacion, or action of debte, in anye Courte of Recorde, in the whiche Sutes no Essoyne, ne Wager of Lawe or protecyon shalbee

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allowed, for the defendaunt.

And be it further enacted, by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Maior of the citie of London, and all other Maiors, Bailiefes, Shriefes, Constables, and other hed officers of euery Citie, Borough, or Toune corporate, and of euery other Toune and village, do with al cōuenient spede by them selfes, or their sufficient deputies, before the feaste of the Purificaciou of oure lady nexte commynge, and so from tyme to tyme euery moneth once, make a viewe and examinacion of aged, impotent, and lame persones, beggers, as bee wythin the precinte of their Jurisdiction, and see al suche as were not borne, nor hath bene for the mooste parte conuersaunt and abiding by the space of three yeres complete, or haue not letters, and aucthorysed or licenced by force of thys Estatute, conueighed on horseback, Cart or otherwyse, as shall seme by their discrecyōs, to the next Constables, and they to conuey thesame to the next Constables, & so from Constables to Constables, tyl thesayde persones be brought to the place where they wer borne, or most conuersaunt and abiding, as is aforesayd, there to be prouided for, kepte, & nourysshed of almes, as is aforesayd, vpon the peyn that euery such Maior, Shriefe, or Constable, hedborough or other head officers not making viewe, nor sendyng or conueying awaie, nor receiuyng or not prouidinge, as is before appointed, according to the true purporte, or meanyng of this act, to forfeyt for euery suche default ten shyllynges, whereof the one halfe to be to the kynges vse & thother to the partie, that wil sue therefore in any of the Kynges courtes of Recorde, by byll, informacion, Accion of debt, in the which suytes no essoyne, wager of law or proteccyon shalbee allowed for the defendaunt.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any of thesaid aged, maymed or impotent persones, of the cities Tounes or Villages, where they were borne in, or had their moste abidyng, as is aforsayd, be not so lame, or impotēt, but that thei may worke in some maner worke, that then such Citie, Toune, Parishe, or Vyllage do, eyther in commen prouyde some such worke for theim, as thei maye be occupied in, or appoynte them, to such as wyl fynde them woorke for meate and drynke. And yf they refuse of wylfulnes and stubbernes to worke, or do runne away and begge in other places, then to punysh the same according to their discrecions, wyth stockyng, beatynge, or otherwyse, as shal seme to them conuenient.

Be it also enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that all Leprouse and pore beddered creatures, whatsoeuer they be, may at their awne libertie remaine and continew in such houses appointed for leprouse or beddered people, as they nowe be in, and shall not be compelled to repaire into any other Countries or places by vertue of thys Act, any thynge therein conteyned to the contrary notwithstandyng. And that also it shalbe lawfull vnto thesayde Leprouse, and beddered people, for their

better Relief to appoynte their proctour, or proctours, so there bee not appoynted aboue the nombre of two persones, for any one house of Leprouse, or beddered people, to gather the charitable almes of all suche Inhabitauntes, as shalbe within the compasse of foure miles of anye of thesayd houses of Leprous and beddered persones.

Prouyded alwaies and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that it shalbe lawful to the lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or Lord keper of the great Seale for the tyme beyng, at their discrecions, to graunte commission vnder the great seale of England, to euery or any person or persons, that hath, or shal haue, his or their houses, or barnes, burnt, or suche losses, or to suche as be or shalbe Leprous persons, to gather the relief and charitie of others, for their Relief or for their ayde, and helpe of his or their losses, decaye or hynderaunce, as in tyme past hath bene vsed, any thyng in this act notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Statute and act of Parliament, made for punishment of Vacabondes, Slaues, aged and impotent persones, or any of theim, & euery article, sentēce, clause or prouiso therin cōteined, other thē thys present act and Statute made, and thesayd act made in thesayd. xxij. yere shalbe from henceforth vtterly voide, repealed, and of none effecte or force.

And forasmuch as dyuers wemē and men going on beggyng, impotent and lame, & some able ynough to labour, do cary children aboutes with them of tendre age, and some of four. v. or. vi. yeres of age or yonger or elder, which beyng once brought vp in yeldenes, wyl hardely be brought after to any good kynde of labour, peyn, trauel or seruice.

Be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, ẏ yf any child aboue thage of. v. yeres, and vnder thage of. xiiij. go about wanderyng, as is aforesaid, or els alone, in cace any maner person, that is able to kepe any such child wyl take it, be it male or female, of and from any suche begger beyng ẏ father or mother therof, nouricier or keper, whether they be willing or not, or without any such nourice, father, mother or keper, by him or her self, wanderyng, and bryng such chylde so taken before one of the Constables of the Parish, where the chyld shal so fortune to be takē vp and at the next geueral quarter Sessions to be holden in that Shire, nexte to the place where thesayd takyng vp shal fortune co bee, present thesame in the presence of the sayd Cōstable, before the Justice of peax at thesame Sessions, and there in open Sessions promes to bring thesame child vp in some honest labour or occupacion, tyll the woman child come to thage of. xv. yeres, & the man chyld to thage of. xviij. yeres, if ẏ Maister or maystres, shal chaunce so long to lyue, that then and immeatly thesaid Justices of peax by their discrecion, shal adiudge by vertue of this act, thesayd chyld vnto the ages before specefyed, to be seruaūt or seruauntes, to thesayd person or persones, so takyng and promising as is aforesayde, suche chylde to bee vsed and ordered, in all poynctes

according as the law & custome of the realme is of seruauntes without wages, to what labour, occupacion or seruice soeuer thesayde taker by or Maister or maistres shal appoinct him, or her, during thesaid terme.

And thesayd iudgement, shalbe entred by the Clarke of the Peax in thesayd sessions in forme folowyng. Memorandum, that at the sessions of the Peax holden at. W. the day, &c. one. J. B. of the toune of L. had delyuered to him, according to the fourme of the Statute in that case prouayded. B. T. esteemed to be of thage of bij. or. biij. yeres, to be ordered according to the fourme of thesayd Statute.

And yf it shall fortune such childe so adiudged, to runne away at any tyme, ones or mo times from his or her Maister or maistres, that then it shalbe lawful for euery suche Mayster or Maystres, to take the saied chylde agayne, and to kepe and punish thesayd chylde, in the Stockes or other wyse by discrecion, or otherwyse at the libertie of suche Mayster or Maystres, to haue a warraunt from any Justice of Peax in the same shire, where the chylde so runnes awaye, for suche childe running away or goyng away, as is prouided by the Statute of labourers, for suche seruauntes as departe away from their Mayster or Maystres, wythout a reasonable cause before the ende of their terme.

And that euery Justice of Peax, shall by force of this act haue authoritie and power, to make suche warrant agaynst euery such person so goyng and runnyng away, in lyke fourme as they or anye of theim, may do against any seruaũt, departing out of his maisters seruice without licence, or reasonable cause, and by force of thesame warraunt the chylde so running or goyng away, to be taken and ordered in euery degree, as is prouided by thesayde Statute laborers for seruauntes departyng out of their Maister or maistres seruyce, as is aforsayed.

And be it further enacted by thauthoritie aforesaid, that yf, and as often, as it shal chaunce the father, mother, norice, or other bearer aboutes of the child, or any other, person or persons, to steale or entise away any such child, adiudged for a seruaunt, as is aforsayde, that then and so often it shalbe lawful for the Mayster or Maystres, of thesame chyld to be at his or their libertie to take an action vpon the Statute labouters against euery suche person so stealynge or entysynge awaye suche chylde as he or thei might haue, by reason of thesaid statute labourers against him or theim that reteynes any mans seruaũt out of his seruice before thend of thesayd terme, or elles to take an accion of Trespas agaynst such offendor, in whyche accion he shal recouer hys dammages and treble costes of hys sute.

Prouyded always and be it enacted bythauctoritie aforesayd, that if the maister or maistres, to whom such child, as is aforesaid, shalbe adiudged to be seruaunt, be vnreasonable in ordryng and bryngynge vp of such chylde, that then at all tymes vpon complaynt made at the general quarter sessions of peax, in the countie wher thesayd chyld shalbe

by two honeſt neibors of theſame ploce or toune wher thelaid child ſhal fortune to be ſo vnreaſonably ordred, if it ſhall appere by honeſt witnes to the iuſtices of peax at theſame ſeſſiõs the cõplaynt therof made ſhalbe true, then the Juſtices of peax at their generall ſeſſyons in the ſame ſhire, wher ſuch complaint ſhalbe made, ſhall by vertue of this act, haue aucthoritie and power to diſcharge theſayd child, from his or their vnreaſonable maiſter or maiſtres, and appoint theſame to ſome other honeſt maiſter or maiſtres, vnto ỹ ſayd ages, to be ordered in euery degre as theſayd child ſhould haue bene wyth his former maiſter or maiſtres ſ that order and appoinctment to be written in the booke of the Clarke of the Peax, for the whiche entry theſayd Clarke of the peax, ſhal haue iiij. d. for his labor and not aboue, and in like maner ſhall haue .iij.d. and not aboue, for the firſt entre of the childe, to be ſeruaunt as is aforſayde, to be payed by the Maiſter or Maiſtres of theſayd chylde.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, ỹ yf the woman childe to bee appoincted a ſeruaunt, as is aforeſayde, bee maryed before her age of .xb. yeres, that then by that mariage, ſhe ſhalbe diſcharged of ſeruice. This acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrarie notwithſtandynge.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that al and euery Vacabond or Begger, beyng borne in any other nacion, or countrey then this realme, ſhall in maner and fourme aforſayd and vpon the forfeytures and penalties before mencioned, bee conueyed from place to place, to the place or Marches nexte adioynynge, too his or their natiue Countrey or to the next Porte, yf ther be a Sea betwene thys Realme and hys, or their ſayd Countreyes, ther to be kept of thenhabitauntes of theſayd next Porte inconuenient labour from ydelnes or otherwyſe, tyll they may bee conuaied ouer, and then at the Coaſtes of thenhabitauntes of theſayde Porte, yf theimſelfes ſhal not haue wherewyth, to bee conueyed ouer into their natyue Countreies.

¶ The .xbij. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte agaynſt vnlawfull huntyng in any Parke, Foreſt, Chaſe, or other encloſed ground.

WHere as in the firſte yere of youre mooſte Gracious reygne, youre maieſtie in conſideracion of the great obedience that your ſubiectes then were in, of your ineſtimable clemency and tẽder loue borne vnto theſame, gaue youre royal aſſent vnto an acte of parliament, touching the repeale of certayne ſtatutes, the penalties wherof ſemed very ſore, thinkynge moſte godly thereby to wynne your ſayd ſubiectes, to the continuaũce of their obedience, rather by loue thẽ by fear, foraſmuch as ſithen

ſythen the tyme of theſayde Repeale, youre grace hath founde the experience thereof, to haue hadde other Succeſſe, then youre mooſte mercyfull meanyng looked foꝛ, and that ſuche inſolencies, and Barbarous vnrulynes, and diſobedience hath folowed theſame, as heretofoꝛe hathe not bene ſene, eyther in this Realme, oꝛ elſe wheꝛe. Amongeſt the whiche outragious diſoꝛders, one hathe bene vnlawfull huntyng, not onely in all youre graces Subiectes ſeuerall groundes, but in youre graces owne Parkes and Foꝛeſtes, almoſte thꝛoughe out the Realme, ſo notably, as in ſome of youꝛ graces Parkes weꝛ ſlaine fiue hundꝛed Deꝛe in a daie within veꝛy fewe miles of youre Maieſties citie of London, whiche vnſufferable libertie eſkappynge without due ponyſhement, hath bꝛed ſuche a bold continuaunce of the lyke, as at thys pꝛeſent, bothe nyght and daie youre graces Parkes and Foꝛreſtes, and the Parkes alſo of others, are ſtyll hunted, wyth ſuche a boldnes as vneth it is taken foꝛ a faulte, to the greate dyſquietnes of youre Graces kepers, and the deſtruccion of youre Royall games, beſyde the ſhame and diſhonoure, that in other Realmes thereof is ſpoken. Foꝛ reforꝛmacion thereof, moſte humbly beſeechen youre grace, youre Maieſties moſte humble and louyng Subiectes, that it maye bee oꝛdeined and enacted, by youre Maieſtye, the Loꝛdes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in thys pꝛeſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoꝛitie of theſame, that, alweſt one Eſtatute made in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter in the. xxxi. yeꝛe of the reygne of kynge Henry the eight, touchynge the wꝛongefull entree into any Foꝛreſt, Parke, oꝛ Chaſe, of the kynges hyghnes, the Quenes, the Pꝛinces, oꝛ any of the kynges chyldꝛen foꝛ the tyme beynge, oꝛ in to any other grounde, of hys, oꝛ theirs incloſed, wyth wall, oꝛ Pale, oꝛdeyned oꝛ vſed foꝛ nouryſhyuge of Deꝛe, as alſo one other Eſtatute, made in the Seſſion of the ſaid Parliamẽt, holden in the. xxxii. yeꝛe of the reigne of theſame late kyng touchynge the wꝛongefull takyng, kyllyng oꝛ ſleynge of any Deꝛe within any Parke, Chaſe, oꝛ cloſed gꝛounde, vſed foꝛ Deꝛe, maye from the firſt daie of Maye nexte commynge bee fullie and clerelie reuyued, and that theſame ſtatutes wyth all and all maner of Braunches, Articles, Sẽtences and penalties of theſame ſeuerall Eſtatutes, maie from theſame daye bee in full foꝛce, ſtrengthe and vertue, to all ententes, Conſtruccyons, and purpoſes, as yf theſame Eſtatutes, oꝛ any of theim had neuer bene repealed, theſayde Acte of repeale, oꝛ any other Acte oꝛ thynge to the contrarie in any wyſe notwythſtandyng, Thys Statute to endure the ſpace of thꝛee full yeꝛes to be complete and fullye ended, from the firſt day of May aboueſaied.

PROVIDED alwayes and bee it enacted, that thys pꝛeſent Acte oꝛ any thynge theꝛein conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extẽde to cauſe the wyfe of ſuche Offendoure oꝛ offendours, to looſe any dower, but that the wyfe and wiues of ſuche Offendour, and Offendours,

ſhall haue ſuche intereſt and recouerie of, in and to their Power of the Landes, Tenementes, and Hereditamentes, of ſuche offendour or offendours, as thei ſhoulde haue had, in caſe no ſuche attaindour or conuiccion had bene had of any the offences aforeſaied. And that by ſuche attainder or conuiction, the heire of ſuche offendour or offendours ſhal loſe no inheritaunce, ne ſuffer any corruption of bloude but ſhall after the death of ſuche offendour and offendours, inherite & be demed and adiudged as heire, and enabled as heire to ſuch offendour or offendours in ſuch maner & forme as if no ſuch attaindor or conuictiō had ben had. Any thing herein conteined to the cōtrary in anywiſe notwithſtāding.

¶ The. xviii. Chapiter.

¶ An acte concernyng Feefermes mencioned in the laſt Seſſion.

WHere in the ſecond Seſſion of this preſent Parliament holden at Weſtminſter vpon prorogacion the viii. day of Nouembre in the ſecond yere of thereigne of oure moſt dreade ſoueraigne Lorde the King that nowe is. Our ſoueraigne Lorde the Kyng of his moſt Godlie and vertuous diſpoſicion, by thaſſent of the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons in the ſayed Parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of theſame; aſwell for the ayde and Relieſe of the poore in the Cities, boroughes, and tounes corporate of this his realm of Englande, and countrie of wales, as for the execucion of other dedes of charitie, and common wealthe there ordeined and enacted, that ſuche Feefermes and ſomes of money payed for Feefermes, as by any Citie, Boroughe or toune corporate, within thys hys Realme of Englande, or countrie of Wales, or by the bodies politique or corporate, officers or miniſtres of theſame, ſhould or oughte to bee due and payable to his Maieſtie, his heires or ſucceſſours, during three yeres nexte enſuyng after the. xiii. day of Marche, in the yere of oure Lorde God M. D. xlviii. ſhoulde ceaſe and not bee due ne paiable to hys Maieſtie ne hys heires, or hys ſucceſſours by any ſuche Citie, Boroughe, ne Toune corporate, ne by any the bodies politique or corporate of theim or any of theym, nor by the Officers, inhabitauntes and Miniſters of theſame Cities, boroughes, or Tounes corporate or any of theim, and that theſayed Acte, ſhoulde bee to theim, and euery of theim and to the Succeſſours of euery of theim, a ſufficiēt warraunt and diſcharge againſt hys Maieſtie, hys heyres and Succeſſours, for the reteinynge and withholdyng of theſame Feefermes and ſommes of money during theſaied three yeres and that no proceſſe or other ſute ſhould bee at any tyme had or awarded againſt theim, or any of theim, oute of the Exchequer, or any other Court for the arrerages therof, for, or in any of theſaied three yeres,

And

And it was then further prouided and enacted by thesayde authoritie that asmuche of all, and euery suche somes of money, as shoulde or ought to be due to the kinges Maiestie, his heires or successors, by any Citie, Borough toune corporate within Englande, or Wales, or by the bodies politique of thesame, or by any of the officers or ministers of the same, or any of theim, duryng thesayd three yeres, which might bee gathered and collected of the Issues, Fermes, and profites, for which the sayed Feefermes should haue be payd, in case thesame had not bene discharged by thesayd act, should be sewed, collected, gathered, payed and aunswered, as it should haue bene, yf thesayd acte, had not bene made, to be employed and bestowed in and about repairing of walles, bridges settyng poore people on worke, or other good dedes in euery suche Citie, borough or Toune corporate, wher thesame should so haue ben due duryng thesayd three yeres, yf thesayd acte had not bene made, by the discretion and appointment of suche commissioners, as the kynges Maiestie shoulde particulerlie authorise and appointe, for euery such Citie, Borough or toune corporate, in suche maner and fourme, as thesame commissioners should assigne, limite and appointe, or as by suche commission should be declared or expressed, and not to the kynges maiestie, his heires or successours in his courte of ỹ Exchequer, or in any other court or place, to thuse of his maiestie, his heires or successours.

Neuertheles, for diuerse especial cõsideracios, and weighty causes: Be it nowe enacted, ordeyned and established, by authoritie of thys present Parliament, that thesaid former act, concerning thesayde Feefermes and somes of money, and all artycles, clauses, and prouisions, concerninge the ordre, disposicion & paymentes of thesame Feefermes and somes of money, or any of them therin conteyned, or of any annuitie or somes of money, out of thesaid fefermes & somes of money paied for Feefermes, shall stande, remayne, and be in their ful strength, power and effecte, only for the first yere of thesad three yeres, conteyned in the sayd acte, and not otherwyse, ne for any longer tyme.

And that thesayd act of Feefermes, and al Artycles, Clauses and prouisions therein conteyned, touching and concerning the remitting reteining, disposicion, or paiment of thesaid feefermes, or of any part or parcel therof, of and for the last two yeres, of thesayd three yeres, shall vtterly cease, determine and take none effecte, any thynge conteined in thesayd former act, to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

And furthermore be it enacted and established by thauctoritie aforsayd, that from and after the. xxiij. day of Marche in this present yere, of our Lord God. M. D. xlix. thesaid Feefermes, and somes of money payed for Feefermes, and euery of theim, shalbe due, paiable and aunswerable vnto the kynges Maiestie his heires and successours, at such times and places, and in such maner, forme and condicion, to all intentes, constructions and purposes, as thesame or any of them wer, ought

or might haue ben payed, or payable, before the makynge of the said former act, any thing therin conteined, to the contrary therof notwithstanding.

Prouyded alwayes and be it enacted by the auctho̅rytie afore said, that all and euery patentee or patentees, and all other persones and bodies politique and corporate, their heires, successours and assignes, whyche by vertue of the letters patentes of the kynges maiestie, or of any of hys noble Progenitours, or otherwyse, at, & before the makyng of the said former act, had or enioyed, or lawfully should, or might haue had, or enioyed, any Annuitie, or some or somes of money going out, or to be take or payable of the sayde Feefermes, or somes of money payed for Feefermes, or anye of them, shall and maye lawfully, clayme, aske, demaunde, haue, and enioye, such Annuitie or somes of money, as shalbe due payable and aunswerable to any suche Patentee or Patentees, or any other persones or bodies politique and corporate, their heires successours & assignes, or any of theim, from and after the said. xiij. daye of Marche, in the said yere of our Lorde God. M. D. xlix. at such tymes and places, and in such sorte, maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as the same annuitie or some or somes of money wer payed or answered at, and before ỹ makyng of the said former act, & in none otherwise, any thing herein conteined to the contrary therof, in any wise notwithstading

The. xix. Chapter.

An Acte for the biynge and sellyng of rother beastes and Cattel.

BE it enacted by the auctho̅rytie of this present parliament, that no persone nor persons, at any tyme from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our Ladye nexte commynge, shal buy, or common and conclude to buye, anye maner of Oxen, Steres, Rontes, Kien, heighfers, or calues, but only in the open faire or market, where the same shal happen to be be brought and put to sale, and shal not sel the same agayn on lyue at and in the market or faire, where he bought the seme duryng the tyme of the said faire or market, vpon peine of forfeyture of the doble value of such cattell bought or solde, contrarye to the tenour of this present acte.

Prouyded alwaye and be it further it enacted by the auctho̅rytie aforesayde, that it shalbe lawfull for all and euery persone and persones, to buy any Oxen, Steeees, Runtes, Kien, Heighfers, and Calues, or any of theim, out of any open faire, or market, for his or their prouision, for their houshold, teame or dairy, at his or their wyll, or pleasure, to be imploied, and spente, onelye in keppynge and mayntenaunce of hys or their house, or for their Teame or Dairy, and not otherwyse.

And be it further enacted, by the auctho̅rytie abouesaid, that no persone

lon, beynge a Butcher, and vsyng the craft or mistery of butchery, shall at any time after the said feaste buy any fat oxen, steeres, runtes, kien, heighfors, calues, or sheepe, and sell or cause to be solde, the same againe on lyue, vpon peyn of forfeyture of euery such Oxe, Steere, Runt, Cow Heifer, Calfe or Sheepe, bargayned or solde contrary to the fourme of this present acte.

Prouided alwaye, that all and euery person and persones, beynge a Butcher and vsyng the art and mistery of butcherye, shall and maye at his and their wyll and pleasure buy any fat oxen, steeres, runtes, kien, heighfors, calues, and sheepe, or ony of theim, oute of anye open faire or market: So that such butcher sell not, nor cause to bee solde, the same agayne on lyue, as is aforsayd, any thing conteyned in this act to the contrary not withstandyng. The one moitie, of all whiche forfeytures, shalbe to our souereygne lorde the kynge, his heires and successours; and the other moitie to him or theim that wyl sue for the same in anye of the kynges courtes of record, wherein no wager of law, essoyne or protection shalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendauntes. This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

¶ The .vi. Chapiter.

¶ An Acte touchynge the repeale of a certayne braunch of an Acte passed in the last Session of this Parliament, concernynge victuallers and Artificers.

Where by a certaine acte made in the Parliamēt holden at Westminster by prorogacion, the fourth day of Nouēbre, in the second yere of the reygne of our most dread souereigne Lord the kynge that nowe is. It is enacted and established, ỹ no person or persons, should, at any tyme after the first day of Apryll then next ensuyng, interrupt, denie, let, or disturbe any free Mason, Roughe Mason, Carpēter, bricklayer, Plasterer, Joiner, Hardhewer, Sawier, Tyler, Pauier, Glasier lime burner, brickmaker, tilemaker, Plummer, or laborer, borne in this realme, or made Denizen, to worke, in any of the said craftes in any citye borough or toune corporate, wᵗ any person or persons, that wyl retayne him or thē, albeit the said person or persons, so retained, or any of thē, do not inhabit or dwel in the citie, borough, or toune corporate, where he or they shall worke, not be free of the same citie, borough or toune, anye Statute, lawe, or dynaunce, or other thinge whatsoeuer before had, or made to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng, and that vpō peyn of forfeyture of fyue pounde, for euery interrupcion, or disturbaunce done contrary to the sayd Estatute, the one moitie of euery suche forfeiture to be to the kynge, and other moitie thereof, to bee to him or them

that

that will sue for the same, in anye of the kynges courtes of Recorde, by bill, playnt, accion of dedt, or Informacion, wherein no wager of lawe, essoine, nor protection shoulde be allowed, as by the sayd act of Parliament amonges other thinges more playnely appereth.

And forasmuche as in the citie of London, beyng the kynges chambre, and moste auncient citie of this realme, the Artificers and Craftesmen of the artes, crafres and misteries, aforsayd, are at great coastes & charges, aswell in bearyng and payenge of taxes, tallages, Subsidies, Scot Lot, and other charges, aswel to the kynges maiestie, as to the said citie, and at many and sundry tryumphes, and other tymes for the kynges honour: and that if Forrens should come and worke amongest theim, wythin the liberties of the said citie, contrarie to their auncient priuileges, that the same should be a great decay of cunning, and an impouerysshment, and driuing awaie of the fre men, being artificers of the crafres and artes, and misteries aforsayd, within the sayd citie of London, to the great hurt or destruccion of the sayd citie.

For reformacion wherof, the kinges maiestie is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this present Parliamēt, with the assent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, that the sayd act only touchynge the article and clause aforsayd, and all and euery sentence and braunche conteyned in the sayd acte, concernyng the same artycle, shal from henceforth be reuoked, repealed, annulled, reuoked, annichilated & vtterly made void for euer. Any thing cōtryned in the said former act touching the clause or artycle aforsaid, in anywise to the cōtrary not wtstanding.

¶ The. xxj. Chapiter.
¶ An act for the byeng and sellyng of Butter and Chese.

Be it enacted by the auctoritie of this present parliament, that no person or persons, after the feaste of the Annunciacion of our Lady nexte commyng, shal buy to sel agayn, any Butter or Cheese, onles he or they sell the same again, by retaile in opē shop faire or market, and not in grosse, vpon pain of forfaiture, of the doble value of the same Butter and Cheese so sold, contrary to the tenour of thys present act: The one moitie of al which forfaitures, to be to our soueraigne Lord the kyng his heires, and successours, and the other moitie to him or theim that wyl sue for the same, in any of the kynges courtes of Record, wherin no wager of law, essoyne, or protection, shalbe allowed for the defendaunt or defendauntes.

Prouyded alwayes, and bee it enacted by the auctoritie aforsayde that the sayde worde of retayle, mencioned in thys act, shalbe expoūded decla-

declared and taken, onely where alwaye of Cheese, or a barrel of butter or of lesse quantitie and not aboue, shalbe solde at one time to any person or persones in open shop, faire or market, and that to be done wythoute fraude or couyn.

Prouided alwaye, that this act or any thing therin conteyned: shall not extende to any Inholder or victauler, for suche butter or Chese, as shalbe spēt, or vttred by retayle, in any of their houses, any thyng conteined in this act to the contrary notwythstandyng: this act to endure to the next Parliament.

The. xxij. Chapiter.

An act touchyng the retaynyng of Journeymen by dyuerse persones.

Where as many yong folkes and seruauntes of sundrie occupacions, beyng once oute of their apprenticehodes, or their yerely reteyned seruice, wil not ommonly be reteyned in seruyce by the yere, nor laboure in their Sciences, Occupaciōs, or Craftes wherein they bee exercysed or brought vp, but at their libertie, by the day, weke or otherwyse, worke by grete, to thintent thei will liue ydelie & at theyr pleasure, flee and resorte from place to place, wherof ensues more incōueniences then can be at this present expressed and declared.

Be it therfore enacted by the auctoritie of this Parliament, that no person nor persons, occupiyng or vsing, or that hereafter shall occupie or vse any of the artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences of a clothemaker, fuller, sherman, weyuer, taylor or shomaker, shal after the feast of Pentecoste next commyng hire or reteigne to worke in any of their artes, misteries, occupaciōs, craftes or sciēces, any persō or persons vnmaried, as a Journeyman, that is to saye, to worke or labor by the day or tayle worke, or by the great, or for any tyme or terme vnder the tyme and terme of one hole quarter of one hole yere. And that no persone nor persones vnmaried, shalbe hired or reteigned, wyth any of the person or persons aforesayd, to worke in any of the artes, misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences aforsayd, for any lesse time, then for the space of one hole quarter of one whole yere, vpō pein of euery person offendyng cōtrary to this statute to suffer inprisonmēt for one whole moneth wythout baile or mainprise & to forfeit for euery such offēce. xl. s.

And be it enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that euery Journeimā of any the craftes, occupacions or misteries aforsayd, being required by any person or persons, vsyng the misteries, occupacions, craftes or sciences aforsayd, or any of them, to serue by the quarter of the yere, halfe yere or hole yere, vpon such reasonable wages as betwene them shalbe agreed, & in case wher the parties can not accord, thē for such wages as

shalbe

shalbe adiudged & decreed by one iustice of the peace, maior, Alderman, bailife, portreue, constable or tithing man of the Shire, citie, toune, borough, village, hundred, wapentake or tithing, where any such Iurneiman shalbe required, to serue as is aboue sayd, and there vpon yf suche Iourneiman refuse to serue in maner and fourme abouesayd, that then euery such Iourneyman and euery of them so refusynge to serue, as is abouesayd, shal suffre emprisonment, by the space of one whole moneth, and shal at euery tyme so refusyng forfeyt. xx. s.

And be it further enacted, that al and euerye persone or persones, yt shal haue. iij. apprentices in any of the said crafftes, misteries, or occupacions shall reteyn and kepe one iourneyman, and for euery other apprentice aboue the nōbre of the sayd. iij. apprentices one other iourneimā vpon pein for euery default. x. l. the one halfe of al which forfeytures, shalbee to the kyng our souereygne lorde, and thother half to suche persone or persons, as wyl sue for the same in any of the kynges courtes of Record by byl, informacion, accion of debt, or otherwise, in which suite no essoin protteccion or wager of law, shalbe admitted or allowed.

And it is further enacted by thaucthoritie aboue said, that al and singuler thoffences abouesayd, which shalbe herafter committed or done, contrarie to the tenor of this present acte, shalbe inquirable & presentable before the Justices of Oyer and determiner, Justices of assises, Justyces of the peax, and in al and euery leete or leetes, before the steward or stewardes there, and before any Maior, bailyfe or other hed officer, of any citie, toune, or borough corporat, & that the sayd iustices, steward, maior bailife or other hed officer, shall haue ful power and aucthoritie frō time to tyme to punysh and correct, all and euery person and persons, offendyng contrarye to the tenor of this present act, accordyng to such presentmēt or presentmentes, as before hym or theim shalbe had or made.

Prouyded alwayes, and be it enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, yt al seruauntes of husbandry vnmaried, and which haue not ben maried and all seruauntes and labourers, dyng to labor in barges commonly called Westerne barges, which are not, nor haue ben maryed, shal after the feast of the Annunciacyon of our lady next commynge, serue by the hole yere and not go by the day wages, vpon peyne of such punyshmēt as is conteyned in the Statutes made agaynste laborers, and that all such seruauntes shal after the sayd feast geue their Maister and Maystres a quarters warning, against his or their departure out of seruice vpon the lyke peyn, conteyned in the sayd Statute.

¶ The. xxiij. Chapiter.

¶ An act concernynge the releale of the braunches in the last act of the Relefe, for the paymentes of Shepe and Clothes, and also a graunt of a Subsedy to be payed in one yere.

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MOste humbly praiyng the Commons, in thys pre-
sent Parliament assembled, your moste excellent
Maiesty, that where in the last Session of this pre-
sent Parliament vpon prorogacio, begon at West-
minster the. iiii. daie of Nouebre, in the second yere
of your highnes reigne and there continued vnto
the. xiiii. daie of Marche, then next folowyng, your
humble and faithfull Subiectes the Commons, in
the said Parliament assembled, with the assent of the lordes spirituall
and temporall, graunted vnto your highnes, one Relief of iii s. of euery
l. of the gooddes and Cattals, of euery persone beyng worthe. x. l. & vp-
ward, to be leuied and taken in. iii. yeres, in maner and forme as is mē-
cioned in the said act. And also one other relief, to be taken & leuied, for
euery shere shepe, accomptyng the same by the poll, after the rate, as by
the same act, more at large it doth appere. And one other relief, of. viii. d.
of the, l. of the price and value, of all and singuler wollen Clothes, to be
taxed and leuied, in maner and forme, as by the same acte it is declared:
The same seueral reliefes to endure, and to be yerely paied and leuied,
duryng thre yeres, as by the same former act, more largely it appereth:
whiche Relief of Clothe appereth now, so comberous to al Clothe ma-
kers, and also so tedious to the same, for makyng of their bokes, and the
accomptes there of, by reason of lacke of the Alnogers, not alwaies pre-
sent, whē time requireth, that in maner, thei are discoraged to make any
clothe, or to set any men on worke about the same. And also the said relief
of shepe, is to your poore Commons, hauing but fewe shepe in nombre,
a great charge, and also, so comberous for all your commissioners and
officers, named and appoyncted for executing of the same, that they can
not tell, how to serue your highnes therein, according to their dueties:
It maie therfore please your highnes, with thassent of the Lordes spi-
ritual and temporall, and of youre saied Commons, and at their moste
humble sute, that it be enacted, by the authoritie of this present parlia
ment, that the seuerall grauntes and clauses, mencioned in the said act
of Relief, concerning or touching, onely the seuerall grauntes of Relie-
fes to bee leuied, and paied for Shepe, after the rate of the polle, and of
Clothe to be paied, or of any of them, as in the former act is recited, and
euery article, clause, prouision, and sentence, concernyng onely the same
seuerall grauntes of reliefes, for shepe and clothe, or either of thē, shalbe
from the said. iiij. daie of Nouember, in the said second yere of your most
noble reigne, demed, & adiudged voyde, and of none effect, and to be vt-
terly repealed to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that e-
uery article, clause, and prouision, mencioned in the said acte of Relief,
touching, or concerning the Relief, of, and for goodes, to stande, and be
good and effectuall, according to the tenor of the same act of relief. And
we your humble & obedient Subiectes, beseche youre highnes, that it

maie pleale your highnes, to take and receiue of vs, your laid lubiectes, towardes your ineſtimable charges, that you haue already luſteyned, and boꝛae, and bee like hereafter to ſuſtain and beare, foꝛ the defence of vs, and this your highnes realme and dominions, againſt the olde and auncient enemies of theſame, the frenchmen and the Scottes, now beyng open enemies to your highnes, your laied realme and dominions, this ſmall gift hereafter folowyng, not as any recompence, oꝛ ſatiſfaction to your Maieſtie, of, and foꝛ your moſte bountefull, and liberall releaſſe, and diſcharge of your laid humble ſubiectes, of, and concernynge theſaid ſeueral reliefes, of ſhepe and clothes, but as a token and knowlege, of our faithfulnes, louyng, and willyng hartes, towardes youre highnes, to bee alwayes ready, to beare with your highnes, to the vttermoſt of our powers, in al your pꝛocedings & affaires, as to the dutie of naturall and obediente ſubiectes, apperteigneth: that is to ſaie, wee your graces laied louyng ſubiectes, do by auctheꝛitie of thys pꝛeſente Parliament, frely, and of our good hartes and myndes, geue & graunt, vnto your moſt Royall Maieſtie, one other Relief, to continue by one yere, next enſuyng the determinacion of theſaid thꝛe yeres, ſpecefied in theſaid foꝛmer acte of Relief, foꝛ goodes, to bee rated, tared, leuied, and gathered of euery perſon, of what eſtate oꝛ degree he bee, accoꝛding to the tenoꝛ of this acte, after the rate, and in maner and foꝛme folowyng: that is to ſaie, aſwell of all, and euery perſone, as is, oꝛ hereafter ſhalbe, your graces naturall ſubiectes, as of all and euery Fraternitie, Guyld, Coꝛpoꝛacion, Miſterie, Bꝛotherhed, Compaignie, and Commonaltie, Coꝛpoꝛate, oꝛ not Coꝛpoꝛate, within this realme of Englande, Wales, and other the kynges Dominions, beyng woꝛthe .x. pound of money, Coyne, Plate, ſtocke of Marchaundiſe, Cꝛne, Grain, Shepe, Beaſtes cattals, oꝛ other goodes moueable, aſwel within this realme as without & of al ſuch ſomes of money, as to him oꝛ them ſhalbe owyng, wheꝛof, he oꝛ thei truſt in their conſciences, ſtirely to be paied. xii.d. of euery l. And of euery alien oꝛ ſtraunger, boꝛne out of the kynges obeyſaunce, aſwell denilon, as not denyſon, inhabiting oꝛ reſiaunt, within this realme, oꝛ any other the kings dominiõs, beyng woꝛth .x. l. in money, coyne Plate, Stocke of Marchaundiſe, Coꝛne Grain, Shepe, Beaſtes, Cattalls, oꝛ other goodes moueable, aſwel within this realme, as without and of all ſuche ſomes of money, as to him, is, oꝛ ſhalbe owyng, wheꝛof he truſteth in his conſcience, to be ſurely paied. ij.s. of euery l. And of euery Alien oꝛ Straunger, boꝛne oute of the kynges obeyſaunce, aſwel Denilon as not Denilon, inhabiting oꝛ reſiaunt within this realme, oꝛ any other the kynges Dominions, beeyng woꝛth .xx.s. and vnder .x. l. in money, Coyne, Plate, ſtocke of Marchaundiſe, Coꝛn, Grain, Shepe Beaſtes, Cattel, oꝛ other goodes, moueable, aſwell within this realme, as without, and of all ſuche ſomes of money, as to hym, is, oꝛ ſhallbe owyng, whereof he truſteth in his conſcience, to be ſurely paied. xij.d. of

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euery .l. Except, and oute of the premisses deducted, suche somes of money, as any persone or persones, before chargeable owe, & in his or their conscience, truly mynde to paie. And excepted also, the apparell of suche persones, their wifes and children, belongynge to their awn bodies, sauyng Jewelles, Golde, Syluer, Stone and Pearle. Excepted also allwaies from the charge Assessement, and payment of thesaied Relief, all money, goodes and Cattalles of Orphanes, bequethed or left vnto the by their parentes, or other their Frendes deceassed. And that all Plate, Coyne, Jewelles, goodes, debtes, and Cattalles personall, beyng in the rule, and custodie, of anye persone or persones, to the vse of anye Corporacion, Fraternitie, Guylde, Mistere, Brotherhod, Compaignie, or any Commonaltie, beyng Corporate, or not Corporate, be, and shalbe rated set, and charged, by reason of this acte, at the value certified, by the presentors of the certificate, to bee sworne, of euerye pounde in goodes and debtes, as is aboue saied, and the somes that are before rehersed, set, and rated, to bee leuied and taken of theim, that shall haue suche goodes in custody, as is before rehersed. And thesame persone or persones, and body Corporate, by the auctoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged agaynst hym or them, that shall, or ought to haue thesame, at the tyme of the paiment, or deliuery thereof, or at his or their departure, from the custody, or possession of thesame. Excepted, and alwayes forprised, from the charge and assessement of this Relief, all Goodes, Cattalles, Jewelles, and Ornamentes of Churches and Chapelles, ordeigned and vsed in Churches or Chapelles, for diuine seruice therein to be celebrated.

Also, we the kynges maiesties louyng, & obedient subiectes, do geue & graunt to your highnes. viii. d. to be paied in thesame yere, by euerye other person, not borne vnder the kynges obeysaunce, beyng Denison, or not Denison, other then women couert, soldiours, and such persones as be vnder ỹ age of .xij. yeres, dwellyng or resiant within this realme or any other the kynges domunions. And thesayed Reliefes shalbe, by auctoritie aforesaid, taxed, assessed, and rated in thesayd yere, in euerye shire, Riding, Lathe, Wapentake, Rape, Citee, Borough, Toune, & euery other place, within this realme of England, and Wales, & other the kynges dominions, in forme folowyng, that is to sate, before the .xv. day of January, whiche shalbe in the yere of our lorde God. M. D. Lj. and the paiment thereof to be had, made, & paied at the receipt of the kyngs Exchequier, betwene the first daie, and the .xv. day of Apryl, which shalbe in the yere of our lord god. M. D. lij. And ỹ somes aboue said, of & for thesaid Relief, shalbe taxed, set, asked, and demaunded, taken, gathered leuied, and paied, vnto the vse of our saied souereigne lorde, hys heires, and successours, in forme aboue sayd, aswell within Liberties, Fraunchises, Sanctuaries, auncient demeasne, and other whatsoeuer place, exempte, or not exempte, as without: Excepte suche Shires, places, & persones as shalbee forprysed, in, and by thys present acte, any graunt,

Charter, preſcripcion, vſe, or libertie, by reaſon of any letters patentes, or other priuilege, preſcription, allowance of theſame, or whatſoeuer other matter of diſcharge, heretofore to the cõtrary made, graunted, vſed, or obteigned notwithſtanding. And it is further enacted, by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery ſuche perſone, as well ſuche as be borne vnder the kynges obeiſaunce, as euery other perſone ſtraunger borne, denifon, or not denifon, inhabiting within this realme or within Wales, or other the kynges dominions, which at the time of theſaid aſſeſſing, or taxacio to be had or made, ſhalbe out of this realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes or Cattalles within this Realme, or in Wales ſhalbe charged, and chargeable for theſame, by the certyfycate of thinhabitauntes of the parties, where ſuche goodes, Cattalles or other the premiſſes then ſhalbee, or in ſuche other place, where ſuche perſone, or his factor, deputie, or attorney, ſhall haue hys moſte reſorte vnto, within this realme, or in Wales, in like maner, as if theſame perſone were, or had bene, at the tyme of theſame aſſeſſement, wythin thys realme, or Wales. And that euery perſone, abiding within this realme, or without this realme, ſhalbe charged, and chargeable to theſame Relief, graunted by this acte, accordinge, and after the rate of the value of his ſubſtaunce, goodes & cattalles, and other premiſſes, as ſuch perſon ſo to bee charged, ſhalbe ſet at, in the tyme of theſaied aſſeſſyng, or taxacion, vpon them to be made, and in none other wyſe.

Prouided alwaie, and be it further enacted, by auctoritie aboueſaied, that all and euery Taxation, and Aſſeſſement, of theſaied Reliefe for goodes, or, for any former graunt, or ſubſidy, heretofore had, made, graunted, or taxed (forpriſed, and excepted theſaid ſeuerall reliefes, for Shepe and Clothe, and either of theim) ſhalbee taken, iudged, and demed, of good force, ſtrength, and effect, to all intentes, conſtruccyons, & purpoſes, and ſhalbe leuied, and paide to your highnes, accordingly.

And bee it further enacted, by the auctoritie aboueſaied, that the lorde Chauncellor of Englande, or the lorde keper of the greate ſeale, for the tyme beeyng, the Commiſſioners in that behalfe, by the kynges Commiſſion to be appointed, and auctoriſed, the preſentors, the perſone preſented, chargeable, or taxed, Collectors, petit Collectors, Barons of the kynges Exthequier, Auditors, and al and euery other perſone and perſones, mencioned in theſaied former acte of Relief, ſhall by auctoritie of this preſent act, make, do, and execute al and euery thing and thinges, concerning theſaied Relief, graunted by this preſent act, as is conteigned, limited, and appointed to theim, by theſaied former acte of Reliefe for goodes, and vpon like peines, fines, amerciamentes, and forfeitures, and in ſuche, and theſame maner, forme, eſtate, and condicion, to all intentes, conſtruccions and purpoſes, as they or any of thē are appoynted, might, maie, ſhould, or ought to do, and execute by auctoritie of theſaied former acte, touchyng the Relief for goodes, and as

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thoughe euery haulfe acrocle, buttrice and matter, mencioned in the said
former acte, concernyng or touchyng the said Wares or goodes, were
specially and particularly ceuered and mencioned in this present acte,
Prouided alwaies that this graunt of Relefe, nor any other thynge
therein conteigned, do in any wyse extende, to charge the inhabitaun-
tes or dwellers within Irelande, Gulleyne, & the Counte of the same
Calice, Hamines, Guynes, and the Marches of the same, Jerneley, &
Gerneley, Alderney, and Serke, or any of them, of, for, or concernyng
any goodes, whether the said inhabitauntes, or dwellers, or any other
for their vse, haue within Irelande, Gallen, the Counte of the same, Ca-
lice, Hamines, Guynes, or in the Marches of the same, Jerneley, Ger-
neley, Alderney and Serke, or any of them.

Prouided also, that the said graunt of Relefe, do not in anye maner
wyse extende, or bee preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes, or
resiauntes at this present tyme within the saide Portes Corporate, or
to any of their membres incorporate, or vnited to the same saide Portes
or to any of the same saide Portes, or to any of the inhabitauntes, within
the liberties of Romeney Marshe, or for any parte or parcell, of the
said somes, graunted in this presente Parliament, of the said inhabi-
tauntes, now resiauntes, or any of them to be taxed, sette, rated, leuied
or paied, but that the said inhabitauntes, and now resiauntes, of the said
Portes of Romeney Marshe and their membres, & euery of them
be, and shall be quyte, and discharged of the said graunt and paiments, of the said
Relefe, during their resiaunce there, and not longer, acquited and dis-
charged any matter, or thynge in this present acte, made, or
had, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this present acte of Relefe, ne any other thyng
therein conteigned, extend to any of the Englishe inhabitauntes, or re-
siauntes, in any of the Counties, of Northumberlande, Cumberlande,
Westmerlande, the toune of Berwike, the toune of Newcastell vpon
Tyne, and the Bishoprike of Durefme, nor to any of them, of, for, and
concernyng any Goodes, or Cattalles, whiche the same inhabitauntes
or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within the said Counties,
of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, and Westmerlande, or the toune
of Berwicke, the toune of Newcastell vpon Tyne, or the Bysshoprike
of Durefme, or any of them, but that they, and euery of them shalbe, of
and for their goodes lyng and beeing, in the said Counties, Tounes,
and Bishoprike, or of anye of them, bee the acquited and discharged,
any thing in this present acte before reherled, to the contrary notwith-
standyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, ne any thinge therein conteigned shall
extende to the goodes of any Colledge, Halle, or Ostle, within the Uni-
uersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes
of the College of Wynton, founded by Bishoppe Wickham, or to the

goodes of the College of Eton nerte Windsore, or to the goodes of any Reader, or Scholer within the saied Vniuersities, and Colleges, or any of theim, there remaignyng for studie, without fraude or couyn, any thyng in this acte conteigned to the contrary in any wise notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwaies, and bee it enacted by the authoritie aforesaied, that all and euery Collectour, petite Collectour and other persone and persones, that haue leuied, gathered, or receiued, any some or somes of money, of any persone or persones, for the Relief of Sheep, and Cloth, or either of them, shall before the last daie of February, next commyng, repaie and deliuer, to euery suche persone & persones, his, or their Executors, or Administratores, all and euery the same some and somes of money, so by them, or any of them receiued, vpon pein of forfeiture double the value, of euery suche some or somes of money, so by theim, or any of them receiued, & not repaied before the saied last daie of February. For the whiche forfeiture, the partie greued, shall, and maie haue his remedy, by accion of debte, bill, plaint, or informacion, in any of the Kynges Courtes of Record, where no wager of laue, essoyne, or protection shal be allowed.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, by the saied authoritie, that all and synguler somes of money, as vnto bee, or hereafter shalbe paied, by any Collectour, or petie Collectour, or other persone to the Kynges vse in his Receipte, or els where, for the Reliefes of Sheep, & Clothe, or either of theim shalbe deliuered and repaied, to the said Collectour, his Executours, or Administratours, at, and vpon his or their request, in the said receipt, to the vses and intentes aboue saied, and that this act shall be a sufficient warrant, to the Officers of the Kynges receipt, to repaie and deliuer the same, to the saied Collectour, his Executours, or Administratours, without any further, or other warraunt to bee sued for, to the Kynges highnes, in that behalfe.

Prouided also, and bee it enacted, by the authoritie aforesaied, that this act of graunt of Relief, shall not extende, to any spirituall persone or persones, for any of his, or their goodes, or cattals. And forasmuche, as diuerse and sundery the Kyngs Maiesties tenauntes, and other the inhabitauntes & dwellers, within the counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknock, Radnor, Montgomery, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Anglesey, Canaruon, and of the Countie Palentine of Chester, be at this present time charged & chargeable, with the seuerall paimentes, of diuerse great somes of money, (by the name of a Mise) due to his maiestie according to the seuerall customes, of the said Counties, for the paiment whereof, diuerse and sundery the gentlemen, and other inhabitauntes of the said Counties, be, and stande bound to his highnes. The kyng our souereigne Lorde, is therefore pleased and contended, that it be prouided, ordeigned, & enacted, by the authoritie

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aforesaied, that is acte, or anye thynge therein conteigned, shall not extende to charge, any of the kynges maiesties Tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and dwellers, wythin anye of thesaied Counties, of Penbroke, Carmarthē, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brekknock, Radnor, Moūtgomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleſey, Carnaruon, and the Countye of the Valentyne of Cheſter, beeyng charged or chargeable, with thesaid Wiſe, for, or with any of the paymentes, of thesaied Relief, graunted to the kynges Maieſtie by this act, or by thesaid former act, vntill the ſeuerall daies and tymes, appoyncted and graunted, for the paimentes of thesaid Wiſes ſhalbe expyred. And that the fyrſt paymēt of thesaid Reliefe, graunted by this acte, and thesaied former acte ſhall be made at the Receipte of the Kynges Exchequier, before the fyrſte daie of Maie, then next folowing, after the daye appoynted, for the latter paiment to be made, of thesaid Wiſe, and ſo yerely, before the fyrſte daye of Maye, at the Receipt of thesaid Exchequier, vntill the foure ſeuerall paimentes of thesaid Relief, be fully made, in ſuche and like forme and ordre, as is ordeigned and appoynted by this act, and by thesayed former act, for the kynges ſubiectes, concernyng thesaied Relief to bee made at the Receipte of thesayed Exchequier accordynge to the tenor of this preſent acte, and of thesayed former acte. Thys acte, and thesaied former act, or anye thyng in theim, or either of them conteigned, to the contrary, in any wyſe not wythſtandyng.

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AN ACTE OF THE KYNGES MAIESTIES MOST FRE AND GENERALL PARDON.

The xxiiii. Chapter.

THE kynges moste Royall Maieſtie, tyght well perceiuyng his louyng Subiectes, by many and ſundry wayes and meanes, greuously againſt the bounden duties of their allegiaunces, to haue now of late this laſt Sommer tyme offended hys hyghnes and his lawes, by inordinate diſobedience, Rebellion and otherwiſe, and his maieſtie by Goddes prouidence being replenyſhed with mercy, clemencye and pitie, and muche inclined to allure, prouoke, and ſtirre his ſaid louing ſubiectes to loue obedience (whiche to theim of duetie appertaineth) his maieſtie hauyng a ſpeciall truſt and confidence in his ſayed ſubiectes, that they will hereafter apply and endeuour themſelfes to ſerue and pleaſe hym in all obedience and obſeruaunce of his lawes, whiche his hyghnes willeth and chargeth them to do, leſt vpon ſuche lyke diſobedience, rebellion and other offences, his hyghnes ſhalbe enforced and conſtreined to execute his ſeuere iuſtice, whiche to hys imperiall and kyngly eſtate and funccion doth appertayne, and may not will no lenger beare and ſuſteine hereafter any ſuche rebellion, beyng a preate perill to his graces perſone, and clere ſubuercion, and a lykely deſtruction of his ſaied Realme and ſubiectes, and a great comfort to all his graces enemies: is fully and reſolutely contented and pleaſed, that it bee enacted by auctho[r]itie of this preſent Parliament, in maner and forme folowyng: That is to ſaie, that all and euery of his ſaid ſubiectes aſwell ſpirituall as tempo[r]all of this his Realme of Englande, Wales, the Iſles of Jerneſey and Gerneſey, Barwicke, Calleis, Guyſnes, Hammes, Bullogne, and Ballenoys, and the Marches of euery of them, the heires, ſucceſſours, Executours, and Adminiſtrato[r]s of the and euery of them, and all and ſinguler bodies in any maner of wiſe Co[r]porate, Cities, Bo[r]owghes, Shires, Ridinges, Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Villages, and Tythynges, and euery of theim, and the ſucceſſour and ſucceſſours of them and euery of them, ſhalbe by thauctho[r]itie of this preſent Parliament, acquited, pardoned, releaſed and diſcharged, againſt the kynges hyghnes his heyres, Succeſſoures, & Executoures, & euery of theim, of all maner of Hereſies, Treaſons, Rebellions, Inſurrections, Unlaufull aſſembles, Conuenticles, Conſpiracies, Myſpryſions of Treaſon, Concealmentes of Treaſon, Murders, Felonies, Roberies, Offences, contemptes, Treſpaces, Wronges, Deceiptes, Miſdemeanours, Forfaitures, Penalties, Sommes of money, Paines of death, Paynes co[r]po[r]all and

pecuniary & all other thynges, Causes, Quercles, sutes, Judgementes and execucions, whiche may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned, released or discharged, before and vnto the two and twenty daye of January, in the yere of our lorde God a thousand fiue hundred fourty and nyne, other then such as hereafter in this acte be excepted and forprised in suche maner & fourme, and vnto suche tymes as thesame be excepted or forprised in this act, & other then such as the clauses of prouiso hereafter mencioned, do or doth extend vnto.

And also the kynges highnes is further contented and pleased, that it be enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament ẏ this his said generall and fre pardon, shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe to euery of his sayd subiectes, bodies corporate, and other before rehersed and to euery of them by thesayed generall woordes before rehersed in al thinges, which be not hereafter in this present act excepted or forprised, nor conteined in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned, as that same pardon should be if all offences, contemptes, forfeitures, causes, matters, suites, querelles, iudgementes, execucions, penalties, and all other thynges (not hereafter excepted nor cõteined, in any clause of prouiso hereafter mencioned) had ben particulerly, singulerly, specially, & playnly, named, rehersed, and specified in this present acte & also pardoned by propre and expresse woordes and names in their kyndes, natures and qualities, by wordes and termes therunto requisite to haue be put in and expressed in this act of fre pardon: And that his said subiectes nor any of them, nor the heires, executors or administrators of any of them nor any of thesaied bodies corporate, nor any other persones, bodies politique or corporate, before named or any of them be nor shalbe sued, vexed, or inquieted, in their bodies, goodes, landes, or cattalles, for any maner matter, cause, contempte, misdemeanor, forfeiture trespas, offence, or any other thing suffered, done or committed agaynst hys hyghnes or hys crowne, dignitie, prerogatiue, lawes or statutes, but only for or concerning suche matters, causes, and offences, as be rehersed or mencioned, in the excepcions or clauses of prouiso in this present act hereafter mencioned, in suche maner and fourme as in thesame exceptions or clauses of prouiso, bee mencioned, and for none other: any estatute or statutes, lawes, customes, vses or presidentes heretofore had, made, or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And ẏ all and euery the kynges saied subiectes, and all and synguler bodies corporate and other before rehersed, may by hym or them selfes or by his or their deputie or deputies, or by his or their attorney or attorneis according to the lawes of this realme, pleade & ministet this present act of fre pardon for his or their discharge of & for euery thyng that is by vertue of this present acte pardoned, dyscharged, geuen or graunted, without any fee, or other thyng in any wyse payeng to any persone or persons for writing or entry of the iudgement or other cause cõcerning

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And furthermore, the kynges hyghnes is pleased and contented, that it be enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that this his said fre pardō by the general wordes before rehersed, shalbe reputed, demed, and iudged, allowed and taken in all maner of courtes, or els where, aswell in the wordes and clauses of exceptions, and forpryses specified in this present Acte, as in all and synguler other clauses woordes and sentences mencioned, and rehersed in this his sayed free pardon moste beneficially & auaylably to al & synguler his said subiectes, bodies corporate and other before rehersed, and to euery of theym in all thynges ambiguous and doughtfull, and most strongly in barre and discharge against his hyghnes, his heires, successours and executours in euery thing without obstacle, chalenge or other delay whatsoeuer it shalbe, to be made, pleaded, obiected or alledged by the kyng our souereigne lord, his heyres, successours, or executours, or by his or any of their generall attorney or attorneis, or by any person or persones, for his hyghnes or any of his heyres, successours or executours.

And furthermore, it is enacted by the kyng our souereigne Lorde, by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that if any officer or clerke of any of his hyghnes courtes commonly called the kynges benche, the Chauncery, the common place or exchequer, or any other officer or clarke of any other court, within this realme or Wales, or other his hyghnes dominions, aboue mencioned, at any tyme after the last day of Ianuary, in the yere of our lord God a thousand fiue hundred fourty and nyne, make out, or write out, any maner of writtes or other proces, or any extractes, sommons or other preceptes, wherby any of thesaid subiectes, or any of thesaied bodies corporate, or other before rehersed, or any of theim shalbe in any wyse arrested, attached, distrained, sommoned or other wyse vexed, inquieted or greued in his or their bodies, landes, tenementes, goodes, or cattalles, or in any of theim, for, or because of any maner of thyng pardoned or discharged, by vertue of this acte of free pardon, he so offendyng, and thereof lawfully condempned shal yelde and paie for the recompence thereof to the partie so greued or offended treble damages, the costes of his sute to be accompted as percell of the dammages. And neuertheles, all and synguler suche writtes, processe, extractes and preceptes so to be made, for, or vpon any maner thyng pardoned or discharged, by this acte of fre pardon, shalbe veterly voyde and of none effecte.

Except alwayes and forprised oute of this generall and free Pardone all and all maner prepensid and wylfull Murder, and all and euery robbery committed or done in or nere the hyghe waye, and all

and euery wyllfull burnyng of any house, or barne with corne & al and euery offence of burgulary, robbyng of churches or chappelles, done or perpetrated, sythen the feast of saincte Mychaell tharchaungell last past. AND also except and forprised, out of this free pardon, all and all maner of piracies, had, done, committed, or perpetrate vpon or in the Seas. AND also excepted and forprised out of this fre pardon, al and all maner of punishementes, impeticions, forfeitures, paynes of death, iudgementes, and executions for the premisses before excepted or for any of theim. AND excepted and forprysed out of this fre pardon, all and singuler some and sommes of money, graũted to the kynges highnes, or his moste derest father, kyng Henry the. viii. by way and meane of subsidy, fiftene, beneuolence, loane, contribulacion, releue, or otherwyse, or by any of thesame waies or meanes: And all deteiners, witholdinges and none paymentes touching or concerning thesame, or any part therof: And that thesame and euery part therof may and shall by auethoritie abouesaied, be leuied, taken and receiued to the kynges vse, any thyng in this fre pardon, to the contrary notwithstandyng.

And also except and forprised, all wastes of the kynges woddes in any of his forrestes, parkes, chases and elswhere. AND also except & forprised, all and all maner of wastes committed or done in any of the kynges wardes, landes, or in the wardes landes of any committe of the kinges maiestie, or of any of his most noble progenitours committes. AND also except and forprised, out of this fre pardon, all and euery concelementes of any custome or subsidie, and all maner of accomptes and accompt, and al accions, suetes, inpeticions, & demandes, touching or concerning any accomptes or accompte, & all arrerages of accompt, and all debtes, impeticions, suetes, demaũdes, and executions by occasion or meanes of any accõpt, whiche ought to be made to his highnes, or to any of his most noble progenitors. And also except and forprised all titles of accions of Quare impedit, all rauishmẽtes and witholding of any of the kinges wardes, or withholding of any wardes, landes or tenementes, and the profittes of thesame landes & tenementes. And all and euery fine or fines, for the syngle or double value of the mariage or mariages, of any of the kynges wardes, at any tyme growen to the kyng our souereigne lorde, or to any of his most noble progenitors.

And also except and forprised al & singuler homages, fealties & other seruices, reliefes, rentes, seruices, rentes charges, rẽtes secke, & tenthes and the arrerages of euery of theim, due to his hyghnes, or to any of his moste noble progenitors. And also except and forprysed out of thys fre pardon, all & singuler forfeitures, & all maner of penalties, sommes of money & profites whatsoeuer growen or due by reason of any offence or acte, cõmitted or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to ye common lawes of this realme, whereof any seasure was made, or any informacion geuen in any of the kynges courtes of record, or

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any sute cōmencid or depēding befor ỹ.xx.day of January, in ỹ.iii.yere of the kynges maiesties reigne, or wherof the kynges maiestie or kyng Henry the.viii.by bill sealed with ỹ seale of any of theim before thesaid xx.day of January, in thesaid yere of our lorde God a.M.D.xlix.haue hath or shall make any gifte or assignement, to any seruauntes or seruaunte, of our souereigne lorde the kyng, or of thesaid kyng Henry the eight, or to any other persone or persones. AND except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler, forfeitures, forfeiture, and somme & sommes of money, being due to our souereigne lord the kyng, or to kyng Henry the seuenth, or to kyng Henry the eight, by any penal statute or statutes, whiche be conuerted into the nature of debt by iudgement, or by agrement of the offendor AND except and forprised out of this fre pardon, all and al maner of debtes, due and to be due to our souereigne lorde the kyng, or to any of his moste noble progenitours, other then suche as are due to our souereigne lorde the kyng, vpon any obligacion or recognisaunce, forfaited for none apparaunce, or for not keping of the peace, or for not being of good behauour. AND excepte and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler fynes, aswel fynes pro licencia concordandi, as other fynes for contemptes or offences set or taxed: And also all yssues, fynes and amerciamentes aswell reall as other vnder fyue pondes (other then fynes for any alienacion, without the kynges licence) seuerall or particulerly, concernyng any one persone or mo persons iointely, whether thesame fynes or amerciamētes before excepted, be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of any sherife or sherifes, or not taken to his or their charge, extreated or not extreated, whether thei be turned into debte or not turned into debte, or not beyng leuied, receyued or not receyued, by any sheryfe or sherifes, Baylief, minister or other officer.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayed, that this present acte of free pardon, or any thyng therein conteined, shall not in any wyse extende to discharge or pardon any offence, payne or penaltie, done, committed or forfayted, by force of any estatute heretofore made, against the decaiyng of any house or houses of husbandrie, or conuertyng of any lande from tyllage into pasture, otherwyse or in any other maner, then to pardon and discharge al issues, forfettes, paynes and penalties growen or due to the kynges maiestie, or to hys late father of moste famous memory kyng Henry the eight, before the fyrst day of June in the yere of our Lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred and fiftie, by reason of any suche offence or offences, whiche issues, forfettes, paynes and penalties are plainely and clerely before pardoned, in and by this present acte of free pardon, nor shall extende to geue or make any licence or dispensacion to any person or persons, to holde or continue thesame so decaied or conuerted, contrary to the forme of any estatute or estatutes.

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Prouided also & bee it enacted by thaucthoritie of this present parliament, that all and euery persone and persones, whiche tended to sue lyuerey out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sue any lyuery out of the kynges handes, or that ought to sue any ouster le mayn of any manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they bee, shall sue, & be bounden to sue his or their lyuery or lyueries, and ouster le mayn of his or their manours, landes, tenementes, or hereditamētes, as they ought or should haue done if this acte of fre pardon had neuer bene graunted, any article, clause, matter, or sentence, act or actes, thing or thinges, in this present acte of fre pardon, comprised or specified to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

And except and forprised out of this free pardon, all and synguler persone and persones, being the syx and twentie day of January, in the yere of our lorde God, a thousand fiue hundred fourtie and nyne prisoner or prisoners in the Tower of London, in the Flete, in the Mershalsey, or in any other prison, or in any wyse by the kynges commaundement, or by the commaundement or order of the Lordes of hys priuey counsayll restrained or stayed from libertie: other then suche prisoner & prisoners as are in any prison only for felonious stealyng of any goodes or cattals, vnder the some and value of twenty shillynges, so that thesame felonious takyng of and suche goodes or cattals, be not feloniously taken in or nere any hyghe way, nor in the dwellyng house of any persone in the nyght tyme, nor in any churche or chappell. AND also except out of this fre pardon, all and synguler persone and persones whiche at any tyme before thesaied six and twenty day of January, in thesaied yere of our lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred fourty and nyne, is, ought or shalbe put to death or in execucion by vertue of any maner of iudgement against hym or theim geuen. AND except and forprysed out of this free pardon, all and all maner of treasons, done, committed or perpetrated by any person or persones, in any of the parties beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, or by any persone or persones, now being beyond the Sea or in Scotland (other then suche treasons or petit treasons, as haue bene committed, perpetrated or done by any persone beyng beyond the Sea or in Scotlande) that before the feaste of Thascencion, of our lorde God, that shalbe in the yere of our lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred and fiftie, shal come and make their returne and repayre into this Realme of Englande: And except and forprised all impeticions, punyshmentes, forfaitures, paynes of death, execucions and iudgementes for thesame treasons.

And furthermore, the kynges Maiestie of his speciall Grace and clemency, is pleased and contented, that it be enacted and establyshed by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that all and synguler person and persones, beyng borne within this Realme of Englande, or in any of the kinges dominions, and now being beyond the Sea or in Scotlande, whiche

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before the first day of Nouembet in the yere of our lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred fourtie and nyne, dyd fle out of this realme of England, or any of the kynges dominions, for any hygh treason, petit treason, misprision of treason, or for any felony or murdre, or other crime or offente, by hym or them committed in any wyse done, or perpetrated shall by vertue of this fre pardon be clerely discharged, acquited and pardoned of all and all maner of treasons, petit treasons, misprision of treason or other offences and crymes whatsoeuer, done, committed or perpetrated before the said first day of Nouembet, in thesaied yere of our lord God, a thousand fiue hundred fourty and nyne, and of al maner of impeticions, sutes, penalties, forfaitures, and executions for the same: So that he or they do come and make their returne and repayre into this realme of England, on thissyde thesaied feast of the Assencion of our lorde God, in thesaied yere of our lorde God, a thousand fyue hundred and fiftie. And also our said souereigne lord the kyng, by vertue of this acte, and by the auctoritie aboue saied, doth geue auctoritie and licence to all and euery of thesaied persone and persones, being beyond the Sea or in Scotland, to returne and repaire into this realme of England, and other his dominions, before thesame feaste of the Assencion of our lord God, a thousand fiue hundred and fifty.

Prouided alwaies, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lefull to al and euery Clerke and other Officer, of any of the kynges courtes, to whome it appertteineth, without any forfaiture, losse or punishment for thesame, to awarde and make writes of Capias vt legatum, at the sute of the partie plaintife against any persone or persones, beyng outlawed in any accion or sute, to thentent to compell the persone or persones, so outlawed, to make aunswere to the plaintife or playntefes, at whose sute he or they were or was outlawed. And also that euery persone or persones, now beyng outlawed, shalbe bounden to sue a Scire facias, against the party or parties, at whose sute he or they were or was outlawed or their executors, or administrators before suche tyme as the persone or persones so outlawed, shall take any aduauntage of this free Pardon, concernyng his or theyr outlawry.

And the kyng our souereigne lord is contented & pleased, to graunte by auctoritie aforesaied, that it shalbe lawfull to al and synguler Archebyshops, and Bishoppes of this realme of England, and Wales, to deliuer out of pryson, and set at libertie all and synguler, those persons beyng in pryson in their owne body or in the custody, of any of them, as clarkes conuicte or conuicted, whiche be pardoned by this acte of free pardon, without any further acte or sute to be made for allowaunce of this pardon or other wyse, any acte of parliament, lawe, vsage, custome or other thyng to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

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thyng therin conteyned extend not to Jhon Wythe of Eylesham in the countie of Norffolke, any thyng in this acte to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, & be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesaied, that this acte of fre pardō, shal not extend to any person or persons, which at any tyme heretofore haue offended in these heresies and erroneous opiniōs herafter ensuing, that is to say: that infantes ought not to be baptized, and if they be baptized, they ought to be rebaptized when they come to lawfull age. That it is not lefull for a Christian man to beare office or rule in the common wealth: That no mans lawes ought to be obeied. That it is not leful for a christiā man to take an othe before any Judge: That Christ toke no bodily substaunce of our blessed lady: That sinners after baptisme cannot be restored by repentaūce: That al thinges bee or ought to be common and nothyng seuerall.

Prouided alwaies, and it is enacted by thauctoritie aforesayd, that this acte of fre pardon or any thing therein conteined, shall not in any wyse extende, or be in any wyse beneficiall, or take effecte to any suche persone or persones, that at any tyme sithe the feaste of Easter last past hath or haue made any rebellion or vnlawfull commotion, in any part of this Realme or in Wales, whiche at any tyme sythe the .xii. daye of June last past, hath or haue commenced or sewed, and after the last day of Februarye next comyng wyll folowe or continue, or that at any tyme hereafter shall commence or sue in proper persone, or by his or their attorney auctorised, auow, sue & folowe, any maner of appeale touchyng the death of any suche rebellious persone or persones, the maimyng or beatyng of any of thesaied rebellious persone or persones, or any byll or billes, action or actions, of trespas or detynue, or actiō vpon the case against any persone or persones, that did serue the kynges Maiestie in or for the subduing of the saied rebellious persones, of for or concernyng the takyng awaye or witholdyng of the goodes or Cattalles, of any of thesaied rebellious persones, or of, for or concernyng any other acte or actes, personall, done or executed in the commocion tyme to any of thesaied rebellious persones, by any person or persones that serued the kyng in the cōmocion time, in the subduing of the same rebellious persones, betwene thesaied .xii. daye of June and the first day of Nouembre last past.

God saue the Kyng.

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